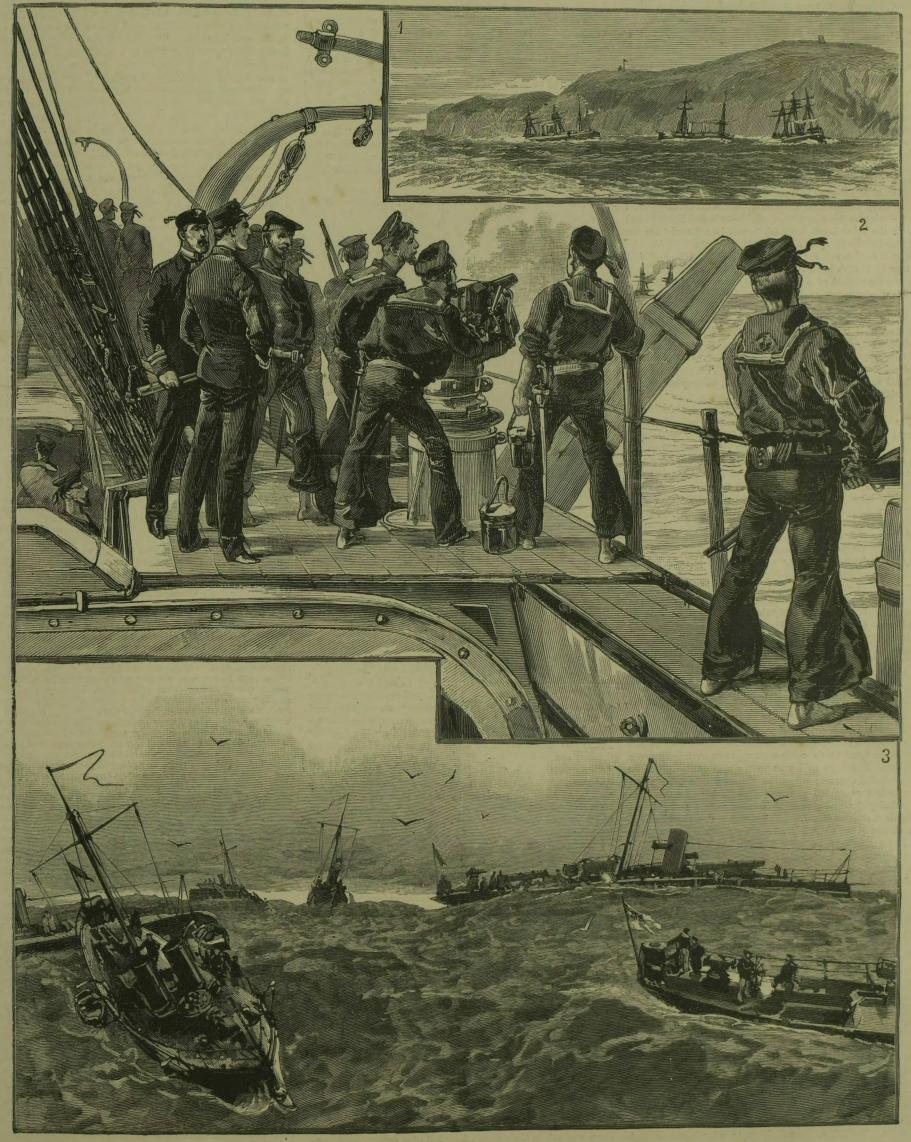
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1. First Glimpse of the Enemy—the Signal Tent on Brow Head.
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THE NAVAL MANŒUVRES ON THE COAST OF IRELAND: SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST WITH THE BLOCKADING SQUADRON, BANTRY BAY,

#### OUR NOTE BOOK. BY JAMES PAYN.

It is a sad thing to contemplate, but it is almost certain that novelists who write their stories for serial publication will not live to finish their last one. A very few indeed conclude their work before the publication is begun, and are so far independent of fate; but the common practice is the other way. The hands of the popular author are too full of work to allow him to take such a precaution. I knew a magazine publisher of prudent habits who would never permit his editor to accept a serial that was not finished; "I dinna care how beautifully it is written," he used to say; "the man may His remark has been only too well justified by results. Thackeray, Dickens, Mrs. Gaskell, all died leaving their last serial unfinished. This is one of the things, one would imagine, that not only can't be helped, but can't be remedied. The resources of civilisation, however, in literature, as in everything else, are greater than they used to be. Attempts to finish what another hand has begun have, indeed, been often made and failed. "Christabel," for example, is not supposed to have been so satisfactorily terminated by a living poet as it was commenced by a dead one; but there are signs that this difficulty may eventually be surmounted. At all events the plot of a famous novelist, which his hand was not permitted to evolve, has been of late discovered and disclosed by another author. "The True History of Edwin Drood," by Mr. Proctor, is the first satisfactory attempt with which I am acquainted, to rescue a literary secret, as it were, from the very tomb. It is a very commendable little work, this "loving study of Dickens' halftold tale," and written in a very different spirit from that which generally belongs to such productions; and from the success that will no doubt attend its publication there is much to be hoped—and also feared. To the sensitive author it will certainly add a terror to death to reflect that his last book is going—in however workmanlike a style—to be finished for him; but, on the other hand, his readers will be released from the tenterhooks of expectation, to which they would otherwise have been condemned for ever; and (since his "deeing" will not now be of such importance) his publisher will be gratified. I foresee the advent of a new industry: there will be literary persons who will not go "beyond their lasts" by pretending to be novelists proper, but (as in the regular boot trade) will be "finishers" only. Just at first they may take a little more time than is quite convenient-we can't expect to see "novels finished while you wait," as heels and soles are promised in the shoe-shops—but the inconveniences now resulting from the demise of a novelist "in harness," with his plot only half disclosed and his characters undeveloped, we may reasonably hope will be remedied.

The attempt to conciliate bullies and scoundrels is a great folly, and arises from our ignorance of human nature. They never attribute it to any other cause than our own weakness, and every fresh indulgence only convinces them we are more and more afraid of them. Yet in these modern times we are always falling into this error. The last example of it has occurred in Finland, where the representative of a "County family," after a life (to put it mildly) of great laxity, has left all his property to the Devil. The "intention of the testator" was only too obvious (he wanted to make friends with the person he feared), but the bequest is objected to by his relatives. Among all the queer records in our Doctor's-commons there is nothing so strange as this. What legends in years to come will not this will give rise to! How very much haunted that otherwise "eligible" landed property is sure to be! It is not very likely that the sayings of Douglas Jerrold were familiar to this Finnish (but far from finished) gentleman, yet one of them may well have suggested this eccentric disposition of his property. A spendthrift was boasting to the wit, of the property he had once possessed, but which he had so magnificently dissipated. "I had thirty thousand pounds at one time," he said, "but it's all gone to the Devil." "Ah, then you'll get it again," was the dry reply.

Not content with establishing a Home for the Ugly, the Great Republic, in the person of one of its female citizens, has taken it in hand to do away with ugliness in her own sex altogether. Ladies go to her to be made plump or slim; to obtain rounded charms; to get rid of rounded shoulders; and when their eyes, or the surroundings of their eyes, are (like young Bailey's) "a leetle redder than they could wish," to get that little matter remedied. She asserts that there is no excuse for a woman being ugly if she will only follow her regimen. This is all very well, but why has she not a word of advice for us poor men? Madame De Staël, indeed, said of a very plain gentleman, "that he abused man's privilege of being general rule, it didn't signify how looked: but this is surely not so. Beauty even in a male has been found to be of considerable value. Parthénopæus was so charming to look upon that if his helmet was up in battle no man (worthy of the name) would strike at him: a considerable "pull" in an age when everybody was fighting. Antinous had such an agreeable expression that the Emperor Adrian (who himself was wanting in that respect) caused the current coin to be stamped with his effigy instead of his own-a financial advantage which can hardly be over-estimated. Spurina was so very much "run after" by the fair sex that he destroyed his beauty on account of the endless "rows" that it got him into with husbands and fathers; and everyone knows how Edward IV., at fourteen years of age, got a double subsidy out of a rich widow for his wars in France, on account of his promising personal appearance. Under these circumstances—which could be corroborated, no doubt, by modern instances—I don't see why plain and "weedy" men should not have something done for them. What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander; the same remedies could surely be used for both sexes. The ladies, it seems, have to wear braces instead of corsets, so we have something in our favour to start with;

the too pale lady has a bottle of claret per diem, which would also suit us very well. "Sassafras tea" and "Iceland-moss lilies" do not seem quite so much in our line; but I don't see why some of us should not be made at least more presentable than at present. What a sensation we should make at the club after a week or two with a "beauty-doctor"!

Of the advantages of the type-writer, no one who has tried it can have any doubt; it is gradually taking its proper place in business houses, and will eventually cheapen even law. It seems strange, indeed-if we did not know that Government was a milch cow which no one thinks of sparing-that in the office of the Solicitor to the Treasury there are maintained at a considerable charge no less than ten copyists. The very best type-writing machine costs but £20, and can produce any amount of copies, infinitely more legible than any lawyer's clerk can make them. would also respectfully call the attention of literary aspirants to the fact that writing difficult to read is not a passport to the favour of editors, and that MSS. (always "invaluable" when lost) can be duplicated by this simple process at a very small expense. The intelligence of those concerned in the production of the type-writer has discovered a single line wherein every letter of the alphabet occurs save one (and none twice), which is of great use to them in detecting anything amiss in the working of the machine-"A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." The leaving out the h is probably a pretty compliment to the Londoner.

Lord Wolseley's admirable article on "Courage" has set people talking of that virtue. There have been as many disquisitions about what constitutes it as about what makes a true gentleman, and the difficulty in each case arises from



THE LATE SIR FRANK SOUTER, C.S.I., COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

moral considerations. The courage with which a man defends his own life cannot, for example, be compared with that with which he defends that of a woman or a child. The greatest villains on earth have "sold their lives dearly," and, indeed, quite at a fancy price. That we should find something to admire in their so doing is a proof perhaps (as Thackeray ventures to put it) that all men have something of the coward in them. It is difficult otherwise to explain the approbation that is bestowed upon some brutal ruffian for "dying game." We do not appreciate it in animals; the tiger is careless of danger, and difficult to kill, but the Hindoo villager (who knows most about him) does not applaud him on that account. Still, there is a natural tendency in us all to admire the man who holds lightly what is dearest to most of us, his life, and risks it, even if it be for no higher motive than his own gain. Only, he must be quite sure that he is conscious of his danger; if he were drunk, or mad, the spectators would feel no admiration for him. The Irish gentleman who sat on the very branch he was sawing from the tree, fell, we are all conscious (no matter what was the height) very far short of the hero. Only a few people, let us hope, of the thousands who throng to see the aeronaut at the Alexandra Palace drop a thousand feet from his parachute are actuated (like the Englishman in "The Wandering Jew," who attended the wildbeast tamer wherever he went) by the hope of a catastrophe. For courage of the baser sort, there has certainly been no public exhibition to compare with it; for the man is fully aware of his peril, and his peril is extreme. No ordinary danger is to be mentioned in the same breath. The risk of belonging to a forlorn hope is slight in comparison with it, and even the taking up a live bombshell and throwing it into somebody else's neighbourhood-a favourite amusement during siegesmere child's play. If the motive were not "gate money," but some unselfish object (such as the endowment of a hospital) the feat would be almost heroic. It is deplorable, of course, from all moral points of view; but the attempts to belittle it are discreditable. Think of the man coming down the first hundred feet like a stone, because his umbrella wouldn't open! This has happened to many people in heavy rain, and given them a moment of supreme excitement; but there was not, in their case, a drop fall of nine hundred feet to come. Gracious goodness!

It is interesting to get at the bac's of the mind of a fellow creature, be it ever so dull : and I should like to know why the man killed the Bell-bird in the Zoological Gardens. This kind of mischievous idiot is rather rare, though not so rare (nor so valuable) as the Bell-bird. My impression is that fame—or notoriety, which is its substitute in such casesthe motive, and not that mere idle brutality which caused the Ancient Mariner (old enough to know better) to kill the albatross. He had read (for he could read) that the bird was the only specimen in England, and in killing it, he thought he should be associated with its rarity, and get into the papers. The man who smashed the Portland Vase was actuated by the same feeling. In both cases, only a fine could, apparently, be inflicted; in the former one, most curiously-for from an artistic point of view the loss was little short of a national one-we are told, "A gentleman who was present in the police-court paid the fine." It seems, therefore, that there are not only "destructives" of this amazing kind, but sympathisers with them.

In Dr. Burgon, Dean of Chichester, we lose one of the most vehement of controversialists, and one of the kindest of men. If there needed an example to show that the odium theologicum is something quite extraneous to a man's nature, and can exist side-by-side in it with the tenderest feelings, his was a case in point. Though a celibate himself, his love of children was excessive, and was, of course, returned; and to see the little ones playing about that gigantic ecclesiastic was a spectacle at once pathetic and ludicrous. One of the last stories told of him was of his lying in wait-in full vestments, and on his way to the cathedral-to "jump out" upon some juvenile playmate whom he had seen coming, but who somehow got exchanged, on the way, for quite another person, with the most embarrassing results. Never was a good man more full of fun, nor dignitary more careless of convention. He had almost as large and humorous a collection of ecclesiastical anecdotes (for I have had the pleasure of hearing both narrators) as Dean Ramsey himself. One of the pleasantest-and an incident, I believe, which happened to himself-was in connection with the christening of an agricultural male child which its sponsors wished to be called "Vanus." "Venus!" he exclaimed, indignantly. "How dare you ask me to call it any such name? In the first place, it is not a man's name at all, but that of a most wicked and abandoned female." "Please, Sir, the child's grandfather was christened 'Vanus,'" exclaimed the godmother, very much alarmed. "What! do you mean to say he's got a grandfather called 'Venus'? Where is his grandfather?" The christening was suspended till he came-a poor old fellow bent double with rheumatism, years, and toil, and looking as little like Venus as can possibly be imagined. "Do you mean to tell me, my good man, that you were christened 'Venus'?" "Well, no, Sir," he coughed and stammered; "I was christened 'Sylvanus,' but folks always called me 'Vanus.'"

#### THE LATE SIR FRANK SOUTER, C.S.I., C.I.E.

THE LATE SIR FRANK SOUTER, C.S.I., C.I.E. A meeting was recently held at the Northbrook Indian Club under the presidency of the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, M.P., for the purpose of raising a memorial fund in recognition of the services of the late Sir Frank Souter, Commissioner of Police, Bombay. A committee was appointed, with Sir Richard Temple, M.P. as chairman, to co-operate with the committee already founded in India for the same purpose; and at the close of the meeting about £350 were subscribed. Sir Frank Souter, who died at Ootacamund, Madras Presidency, on June 4, had gained a deservedly high reputation for his police administration in Bombay during twenty-four years, and was popular both among Europeans and natives.\* To persons from this country who visited India, his courtesy and hospitality were well known. In November, 1875, he received the honour of knighthood at the hands of the Prince of Wales. He repeatedly received the commendations of the Bombay Government for his services; and was specially thanked by the Government of India for his able conduct in investigating the charges against Mulhar Rao, Gaikwar of Baroda, in 1874, the Government for his services; and was specially thanked by the Government of India for his able conduct in investigating the charges against Mulhar Rao, Gaikwar of Baroda, in 1874, when that Prince was accused of instigating an attempt to poison the Resident, Colonel Phayre. Before coming to Bombay, Sir Frank Souter had greatly distinguished himself during the Mutiny, particularly in the capture of the Chief of Nurgoond, and of the notorious outlaw, Bhagoji Naik. On the latter occasion, he was officially reported to have been "first in and last out of the fight, and his escape was almost miraculous. His horse fell, pierced almost simultaneously with three bullets, and his tunic was also cut through with a sword, while engaged in one of the hand-to-hand combats." Sir Hugh Rose stated that his bravery fully entitled him to the distinction of the Victoria Cross. It may be said to have been hereditary, as his father, Captain Souter, of the 44th Regiment, saved the colours of that regiment in the first Afghan War. Sir Frank Souter died suddenly of heart disease at Ootacamund, where he had gone on short leave to recruit his health. The Governor of Madras, Lord Connemara, attended his funeral as chief mourner, accompanied by his staff and the principal members of Government. All classes in Bombay united in mourning for his death. mourning for his death.

The lugger Seagull, of Lowestoft, went down on Aug. 4 off Scarborough in a gale, and her crew, nine in number, were all lost, although vigorous efforts to save them were made by the captain of a smack who witnessed the catastrophe.

The fifty-fourth High Court meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters—the largest friendly society in the world—commenced, on Aug. 7, its week's deliberations, in the Townhall, Reading. There was a procession of friendly societies through the principal streets on Aug. 6, and in the evening a fête took place in honour of the High Court meeting.

Miss Letitia A. Walkington, Master of Arts of the Royal University, Ireland, has the distinction not only of being the first lady graduate in arts, but also the first to take a degree in laws, having passed most creditably, after private study, the examination for LLB. just held at Dublin. About a dozen Irish ladies have passed the examinations for the degree of B.A.

The heavy rain of Aug. 1 greatly increased the floods in the low-lying parts of London and the Lower Thames Valley. The Great Eastern Railway suffered greatly, and traffic was much interfered with. The floods were especially severe at Romford.—The Lord Mayor has opened a fund for the relief of the distress in the Isle of Dogs and Poplar caused by the floods. About £5000 is required. The Court of Common Council has subscribed 100 cuineas. Council has subscribed 100 guineas.

#### THE SILENT MEMBER.

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Her Majesty's Ministers, in crossing the Solent to attend the Queen's Council at Osborne, will, in refreshing their sight with glimpses of the rich woodland verdure of the Isle of Wight, have a pleasant foretaste of holiday relaxation. The Recess is necessary to soften political asperities, and regain health and vigour. Envied by members of the Government was Mr. Gladstone, who anticipated the adjournment of Parliament by a week, and renewed his youth by breathing the pure air of Hawarden Park on the August Bank Holiday.

The Marquis of Salisbury, jaded more by Foreign Office interviews with the Ambassadors of the Great Powers than by lounges on the Ministerial bench in the House of Lords, is to seek the waters of recuperation, if not of Lethe, at Royat. And it is to be hoped that the hue of health will presently be restored to the worn and blanched faces of Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. John Morley, Sir Richard Webster, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, by rest and recreation.

It is a notable fact that, whilst "the masses" and their eloquent advocate were revelling to their hearts' content in Bank Holiday fashion on the Sixth of August, "the classes" represented in the House of Lords were immersed in public business of the highest importance. Their Lordships were engrossed in the Local Government Bill, in the Committee stage of which Lord Salisbury exercised his powers with accustomed lucidity and emphatic force. Once again, let it be said, this admirable County Councils Bill of the Government is, though far from perfect, a measure the Ministry may well feel proud of, and be particularly thankful to Mr. Ritchie for having so skilfully steered it through the shoals of the Lower House. It will not only be of incalculable service to England and Wales and Parliament, which it will relieve of much local work which should be done in the localities concerned; but it paves the way for a reasonable settlement of the Home Rule grievances of Ireland, and likewise of Scotland, for Scotland also calls for Home Rule,

Britain.

The Members of Parliament Commission Bill—the measure to inquire into the charges brought by the Times newspaper against Mr. Parnell and his colleagues in the "Parnellism and Crime" pamphlet—has mainly occupied the time, and tried the patience, of the Lower House during the opening days of August. The Irish Nationalist members made a tough fight of it to restrict the investigation by the three Judges to the allegations directly laid at their doors; and on more than one occasion prolonged the sitting to close upon dawn. These protracted all-night sittings, revival of a custom that the Closure was supposed to have extinguished, will make the holiday interval that is to elapse between now and the autumn Session all the more welcome to the fagged Ministers of the Lower House, of whom Mr. Arthur Balfour continues to be the most serenely phlegmatic and philosophic, having a firm belief in the efficacy of his policy of restraint in Ireland.

#### FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

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At St. George's Church, Hanover-square, on Aug. 1, the marriage of Lieutenant Horace Francis Kays, of the 74th Highlanders, with Miss Emily Colvin, youngest daughter of Sir Auckland Colvin, was solemnised in the presence of a large assembly. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Tufnell, Canon of Chichester, assisted by the Rev. Simon Fraser, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. Prebendary Moore, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen. Owing to the absence of Sir Auckland Colvin in India, the bride was conducted to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Bazett Colvin, late of the Indian Civil Service, and was given away by her sister, Mrs. Wollaston Groome. The bridesmaids were—Miss Colvin and Miss Ethel Colvin (cousins of the bride), Miss K. Elin, and Miss G. Oakes. The bride was also attended by two smart pages—Master Auckland Wollaston Groome (nephew of the bride) and Master John Crosbie (nephew of the bride) are Master Maxwell, of the 74th Highlanders, officiated as best man.

The marriage of Mr. David Dale to Miss Alice Milbank,

The marriage of Mr. David Dale to Miss Alice Milbank, daughter of Sir Frederick Milbank, took place on Aug. 2, at the parish church of Well, near Bedale, Yorkshire. The Bishop of Ripon officiated, and the bride was given away by

The marriage of Mr. Adrian C. F. Hope, eldest son of Colonel Hope, V.C., and Miss Laura Troubridge, second daughter of the late Colonel Sir Thomas St. V. Hope Troubridge, Bart., C.B., A.D.C., took place on Aug. 2. at Hopton, Great Yarmouth. The bride was attended by six bridesmaids—Misses Amy, Violet, and Helen Troubridge, her sisters; Misses Evelyn and Olive Orde, her cousins; and Miss Laura Hope, sister of the bridegroom; and was given away by her brother, Captain Sir T. Troubridge, 60th Rifles. The bridegroom's best man was the Hon. Spencer Hylton-Jolliffe.

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We are informed that a marriage has been arranged between Lord Robert Cecil, third son of the Marquis of Salisbury, and Lady Eleanor Lambton, third daughter of the late Earl of Durham, and sister of the present Peer.

Mr. Frederick William Maitland, M.A., has been elected Down Professor of Law at Cambridge University, in succession to the late Professor Birkbeck, Master of Downing College.

The Queen has conferred the appointment of Companion to the Order of the Bath on Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel (having the local and temporary rank of Brigadier-General) Alexander Temple Cox, Madras Staff Corps.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, won by the Irish Eight at the late Wimbledon meeting, was handed over, on Aug. 4, at Olympia, to the executive of the Irish Exhibition, as its custodians, preliminary to its transfer to Dublin.

Under the presidency of Professor Gairdner, the fifty-sixth meeting of the British Medical Association, which now numbers upwards of 12,600 members, and has forty-five branches in the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies, began in Glasgow on Aug. 7.

It was announced at the Wesleyan Conference at Camborne It was announced at the Wesleyan Conference at Camporne that the denomination had issued 7,507,337 publications during the year, from the profits of which the following grants were made:—The Annuitant Society, £3000; Home Missions, £500; Ireland, £100; Auxiliary Fund, £100; additional to Ireland, £100; and Auxiliary Fund, £100. The representative sessions for financial business began on Aug. 6.

Although the weather was not by any means favourable for out-door amusements on Aug. 6, very large numbers of Londoners turned out to enjoy the Bank Holiday. The places of resort outside London had numerous visitors, those close of resort outside London had numerous visitors, those close to town being to a large extent driven homewards early in the afternoon by rain. The various museums and exhibitions in town were well filled during the day, and in the evening the theatres were thronged.—About midnight on Bank Holiday a disastrous collision occurred at Hampton Wick Station, on the London and South-Western Railway, by which four persons were killed and many others more or less severely injured, of whom two have since died. severely injured, of whom two have since died.

#### THE COURT.

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The Queen drove out on Aug. 3 accompanied by the Hereditary Grand Duke and Princess Alice of Hesse. Fräulein Von Fabrice, General Gardiner, C.B., and Major-General Denneby, C.I.E., had the honour of being included in her Majesty's dinner-party. Her Majesty went out on the 4th with Princess Beatrice and Princess Alice of Hesse. The Queen drove out on the 4th accompanied by Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Beatrice. Viscountess Melgund, Earl Cadogan, General the Right Hon. and the Hon. Lady Ponsonby, and Commander Poore (of her Majesty's yacht Victoria and Albert), had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal family. On Sunday morning, the 5th, her Majesty and the Royal family, and the members of the Royal household, attended Divine service. The Hon. and Rev. F. Byng, M.A., Chaplain in Ordinary to her Majesty, officiated. In the afternoon the Queen drove out accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princess Alice of Hesse. Earl Cadogan and the Hon. and Rev. F. Byng had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal family. Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, the Hereditary Grand Duke and Princess Alice of Hesse, drove to Kent House on Aug. 6 to congratulate the Marquis of Lorne upon his birthday. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and the Marquis of Lorne, visited the Queen and remained to luncheon. Her Majesty drove out in the afternoon accompanied by the Hereditary Grand Duke and Princess Alice of Hesse. Lieutenant-General Sir George Willis, K.C.B., arrived at Osborne, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal family. Captain the Hon. North and Mrs. Dalrymple had also the honour of being invited. Her Majesty went out on the 7th accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice. Lieutenant King-Harman and Sub-Lieutenant Lees (of her Majesty's yacht Victoria and Albert) dined at Osborne, and had the honour of being received by the Queen in the evening.

Prince Albert Victor, who promised to visit Huddersfield on Aug. 7, on the occasion of the Yorkshire Agricultural



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Show, was unable to go, being confined to his room with a bad foot and forbidden to travel.

The forty-fourth birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh was observed at Windsor on Aug. 6 by the ringing of the bells of St. George's Chapel and the firing of Royal salutes in the

Princess Mary Adelaide and the Duke of Teck, and Princess Victoria and Prince Francis, have returned from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Abergavenny at Eridge Castle,

The Duchess of Albany visited the People's Palace in the Mile-end-road, on Aug. 4, to open a loan exhibition of paintings and to inaugurate an extensive autumn fête. Her Royal Highness presented the prizes awarded at the late competition of members of the People's Palace gymnasium.

The Duke of Cambridge left Gloucester House, Park-lane, on Aug. 7, for Kissingen, where he will stay for a few weeks.

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#### MUSIC.

At present there is scarcely anything to record of London musical performances; the close of the season, and the termination of Mr. Augustus Harris's first lesseeship of the Royal Italian Opera, having left a comparative vacuum in London music—one, however, of brief duration, Covent-Garden Theatre reopening (as previously recorded) on Saturday evening, Aug. 11. We have already given an outline of the extensive arrangements made by Mr. W. Freeman Thomas, the lessee, for his seventh annual series of Promenade Concerts, the opening of which must be noticed by us hereafter.

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The Irish Ballad Concerts (in the new Concert Hall adjoining the Irish Exhibition, Olympia) have been successfully continued under the direction of Mr. Ludw.g.

The Alexandra Palace directors announced the first Baden-Baden concert for Aug. 2; the Crystal Palace having arranged a grand promenade concert for the Bank Holiday, the orchestra of the institution, conducted by Mr. Manns, and three military bands co-operating in the programme. Concerts were also announced, on the afternoon and evening of the same date, in association with the Anglo-Danish Exhibition, at the Royal Albert Hall. Royal Albert Hall.

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The next important specialty to claim attention will be provincial, not metropolitan—the Birmingham Triennial Festival, which will open on Aug. 28, Dr. Hans Richter being (as at the celebration of 1885) the conductor. Further details of the arrangements may be more accurately given on the nearer approach of the festival, some changes having already been made from previous announcements.

The 165th festival of the Cathedral Choirs of Hereford, Gloucester, and Worcester will open on Sept. 11, the special services taking place on Sept. 9. Here also we reserve details until the nearer approach of the celebration, and the issue of the latest programmes.

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At the opening of the Centennial Exhibition at Melbourne, on Aug. 1, Mr. F. H. Cowen's "Song of Thanksgiving" was produced, conducted by himself. The work, which was composed specially for the occasion, is to be given on the third day of the forthcoming Hereford Festival, Sept. 13.

The distribution of prizes to students of the London Academy of Music took place recently, at St. George's Hall, Langham - place. The presentation was made by Signor Bevignani, the eminent conductor. Dr. Wylde, Principal of the institution, delivered an appropriate address to the students, and drew special attention to the successes obtained by former pupils of the Academy—Miss M. Macintyre, on the stage of the Royal Italian Opera; and Miss Maggie Okey (now Madame De Pachmann), as a pianist of the first rank. The proceedings of the day included a concert of vocal and instrumental music, in which pupils of the Academy contributed effective performances. performances.

Mr. Henry Baumer, who died recently at the age of fifty-three, gained distinction at the Royal Academy of Music, and became favourably known as a pianist and teacher of his instrument, for which he produced some successful

compositions.

#### AMERICAN AND COLONIAL BISHOPS AT DURHAM.

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After the late Pan-Anglican ecclesiastical Congress at Lambeth, Durham, by an invitation from the Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Lightfoot), was visited by about sixty of the American. Colonial, and Missionary Bishops. They attended a special service at the Cathedral; and, at a Convocation of the Northerz University, a number of distinguished prelates received the honorary degree of D.D. One was Dr. Austin, Bishop of Guiana and "Metropolitan of the West Indies," who has laboured in that colony forty-six years. Another was Dr. Crowther, Bishop of the Niger, the first Bishop of the Negro race. Rescued; when a youth, from the grip of the slave-trader by a British man-of-war, he became the earliest student in the College of Fourah Bay, and a clergyman of the Church of England. The right reverend prelate, who is above four-score years of age, was very cordially welcomed by the whole assembly. In the evening, the American and Colonial visitors, and many of the clergy of the diocese, dined in the hall connected with University College, Durham, where Convocations are usually held. Our View of this fine room, which is 101 ft. long and 36 ft. wide, is from a drawing made by Mr. Fred. W. Morgan.

At a meeting of the Sheffield Cutlers' Company, on Aug. 7.
Mr. S. E. Howell, of the firm of Howell and Co., Brook Steel
Works, Sheffield, was elected Master Cutler.

The Rev. R. P. Browne, second master of King William's
College, Isle of Man, has been elected head-master of Kendal
New Grammar School, in place of the Rev. W. J. Constable,
who has obtained a mastership at Uppingham.

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The Queen's swankeeper and the officials of the Vintners' and Dyers' Companies finished on Aug. 4 their annual voyage up the Thames for the purpose of marking the swans between London Bridge and Henley. The trip occupied several days, and resulted in the capture and "nicking" of 343 old and young birds, 178 of which are claimed by her Majesty, 94 by the Vintners' Company, and 71 by the Dyers' Company.

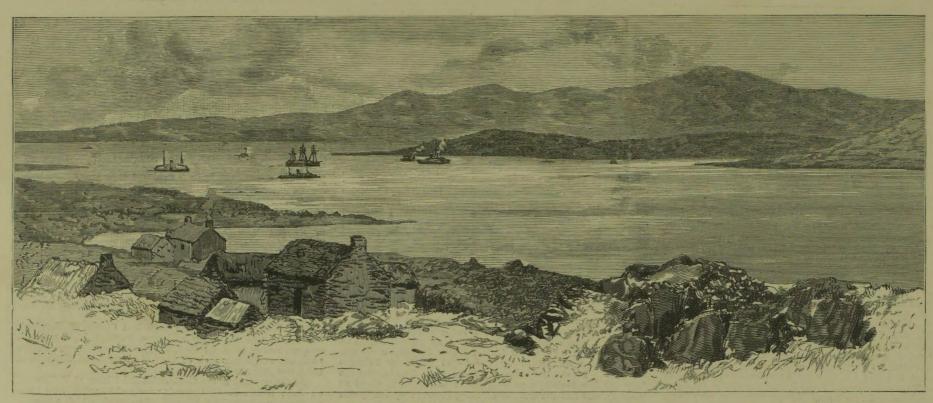
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The trial of eight youths, named Gellatly, Elves, Cole, Lee, Graefe, Henshaw, Govier, and Duling, charged with the wilful murder of Joseph Rumbold, in Regent's Park, was continued at the Central Criminal Court, before Mr. Justice Hawkins, on Aug. 2. Gellatly, who is but eighteen years of age, was found guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, and was sentenced to death. The other prisoners, who had pleaded guilty to riot and assault in connection with the murder, were prought up on Aug. 4 and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. brought up on Aug. 4 and sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from fifteen to six months.

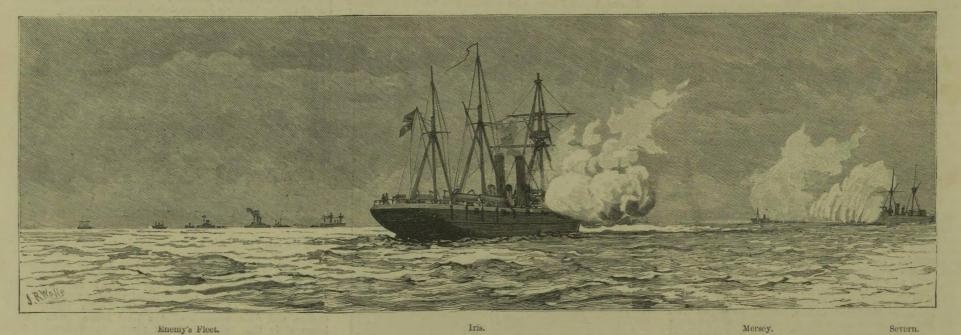
It is announced in the Gazette that the Queen has appointed Lieutenant-General Sir Henry D'Oyley Torrens, K.C.B., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Malta and its Dependencies. The appointments of Mr. Henry Dudley Barnham, now British Vice-Consul at Smyrna, to be her Majesty's Consul for Eastern Soudan, to reside at Souakim, and of Mr. George Pollard Devey, now British Vice-Consul at the Dardanelles, to be her Majesty's Vice-Consul at

Van, are gazetted.

A Memorandum issued by Lord Wolseley from the War Office states that the Commander-in-Chief has recently had before him reports on field-firing at home, in India, and the Colonies, "and is satisfied with the improvement manifested, particularly in India, in carrying out these practices. His Royal Highness is of opinion, however, that with the facilities that at present exist in many stations and commands (this applies more especially to the United Kingdom) much more may still be done by introducing into the field-firing certain features incidental to the attack and defence of positions, in order to give greater air of reality to the practice than has hitherto been the case." The general ideas for future guidance are indicated in detail, and it is pointed out that, when possible, the three arms should be employed, the Artillery firing blank if shell cannot be used with safety. A Memorandum issued by Lord Wolseley from the War if shell cannot be used with safety.



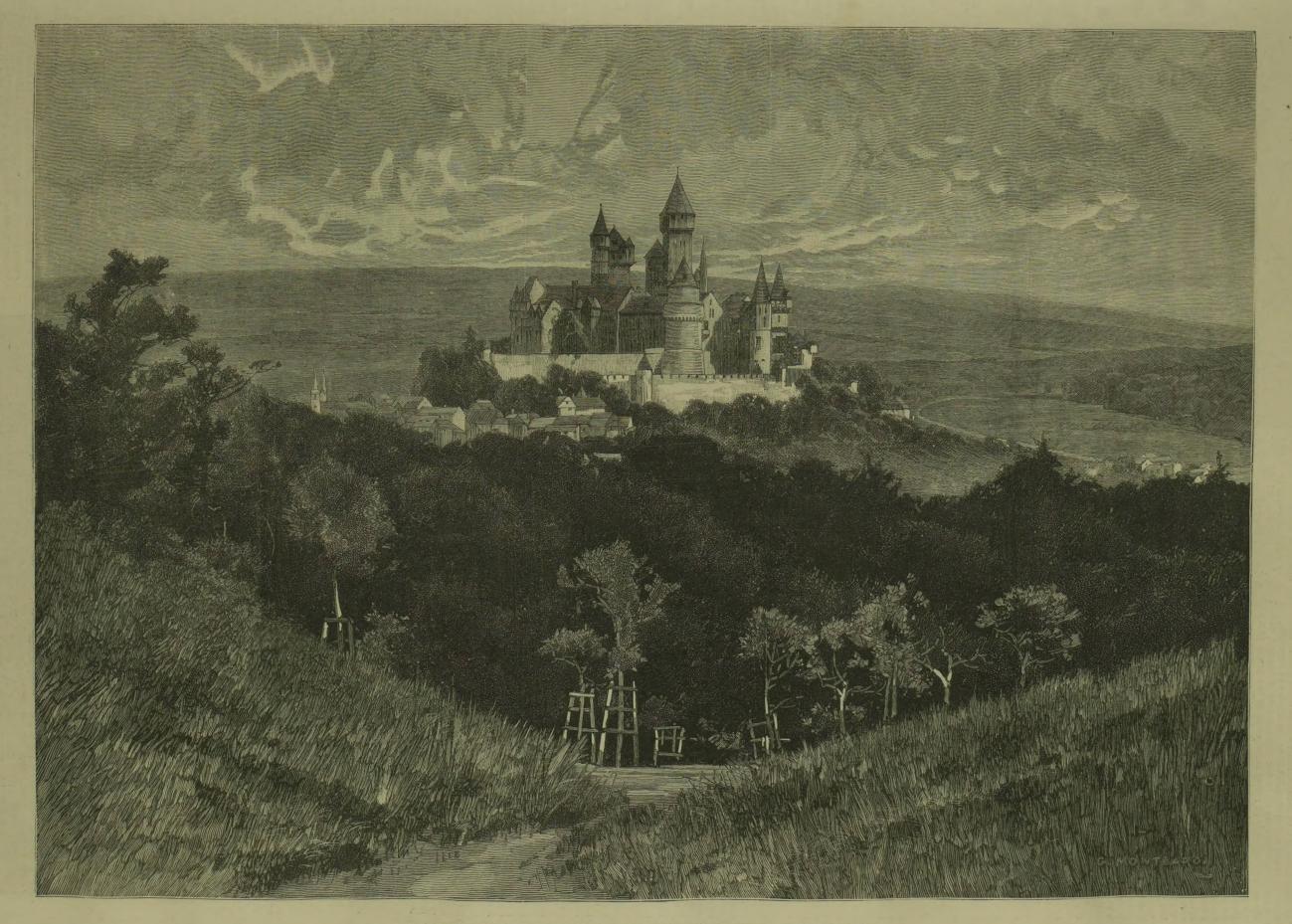
BEREHAVEN, BANTRY BAY.



THE IRIS AND SEVERN, OF THE "B SQUADRON," ENGAGING A BLOCKADING SCOUT OUTSIDE BEREHAVEN.



TORPEDO-BOATS OF THE "B SQUADRON" CAPTURING TWO "A SQUADRON" TORPEDO-BOATS OFF BLACK BALL HEAD. THE NAVAL MANŒUVRES ON THE COAST OF IRELAND: SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.



SCHLOSS BRAUNFELS, THE ANCESTRAL RESIDENCE OF THE PRINCES SOLMS, GERMANY.

#### FESTIVITIES AT MUNICH.

The Munich Centenary Jubilee Festival, celebrating the birth of King Ludwig I. of Bavaria, has recently taken place. The ceremonies and sights extended from the display of fireworks, ceremonies and sights extended from the display of fireworks, on the evening of July 30, to the illumination of the city, on the evening of July 31; they culminated in the grand procession on the morning of the second day. Numerous extratrains had brought in a great many strangers from distant parts. The fireworks were arranged by the Roman pyrotechnist, Cavaliere Luigi Papi, and by the architects Cavaliere Gioachino Erosch and Virgilio Ribacchi. They were very splendid, and interesting by the luminous illustrations of the architectural creations of King Ludwig II., especially the Walhalla and the Hall of Fame, near Ratisbon or Regensburg. One of the sights of the evening was also the multitude parading the streets with Chinese lanterns. The procession on the 31st continued from nine o'clock till half-past one. It presented two features of interest—the progress of the arts of peace from early times to our own, with illustrations from

presented two features of interest—the progress of the arts of peace from early times to our own, with illustrations from various countries, especially Oriental; and illustrations of the architectural and other designs of King Ludwig I.

It would be impossible in a few words to convey an idea of this vast procession, as seen from a window at the Burcau of the Gendarmerie in the Odeon's-platz. Of course, the art-element predominated. The triumphant cars, some of great beauty, had been designed by Munich artists; also the costumes, primitive, rococo, and Oriental. Another feature was the absence of militarism and the large representation of the industrial and agricultural elements. The soldiers were only represented by their bands, and there was a large sprinkling of dress-coats, white neckties, and cylinder hats, that showed the civilian element. There was, however, a great variety of tasteful costumes, in the students' uniforms of different corps, the wild attire of Huns and ancient Germans, the graceful maidens in tasteful fancy dresses, and the Orientals, adding a Mikado effect to the scene.

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One of the most interesting features was the car bearing the golden cradle of King Ludwig I., heralded by one hundred singing children in white, mounted and escorted by a number

singing children in white, mounted and escorted by a number of blooming maidens, many draped in the elegant attire of the time of Louis XVI. of France. This car was the real Jubilee Car of the procession; but many others, representing the Arts and Sciences and the Art-creations of the King, were highly poetical in conception and finished in execution.

Another very striking adjunct of the procession was the representation of mechanical art and iron-working, with a monstrous dragon covered with many-coloured scales and ejecting smoke and steam from its mouth. Unfortunately, this really clever device was the cause of a catastrophe that marred the peaceful course of this day's pageantry. The procession marched from the Karl's-Thor, by the Residenz, to the Ludwig's-strasse, down which it doubled back into The procession marched from the Karl's-Thor, by the Kesidenz, to the Ludwig's-strasse, down which it doubled back into the Odeon's-platz, and went by the Brienner-strasse to the Maximilian's-platz. Eight elephants, some recently arrived from Ceylon, belonging to Hagenbeck's menagerie, were enlisted and marched with their keepers in the Oriental department. In doubling back in the Ludwig's-strasse, these elephants unfortunately came opposite the steam-dragon, and taking alarm broke their chain bindings and under the ment. In doubling back in the Ludwig's-strasse, these elephants unfortunately came opposite the steam-dragon, and, taking alarm, broke their chain bindings, and under the impression of terror dashed through the panic-stricken crowd, which increased the mischief by striking and throwing at the elephants thus driven into uncontrollable fright. The animals backed into the Wittelsbacker-platz, rushed down the Brienner-strasse, on to the Hof Theater, and to the Mint, upsetting people and cabs, breaking through doors, and dashing into all manner of strange places. One boy of sixteen was seized by the trunk of an elephant, and hurled into the river Isar, with no further injury. An old gentleman in a small house, hearing the elephants breaking into his premises, got on the roof and kept shouting "Help! help! the elephants are at me!" At length, about five o'clock, most of the beasts, having got into a cellar, being perhaps keen after beer, like their Bavarian pursuers, were eventually secured. It is said that if the people had kept cool, and had not driven the animals wild by an onslaught on them, little misfortune would have occurred. As it was, thirteen persons were seriously injured and four are dead, including a circus-rider, a young lady named Wagner, who was thrown from the palanquin of an elephant and broke her neck.

The first international chess tournament ever held in the provinces began on Aug. 6, at Bradford, under the auspices of the British Chess Association, in co-operation with the amateurs of Yorkshire. The eighteen competitors in the Masters' Tournament were received by Alderman Morley, the Mayor of Bradford, at the Alexandra Hotel.



CENTENARY BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL OF KING LUDWIG I. AT MUNICH: DISASTER OF FRIGHTENED ELEPHANTS.

#### THE BRITISH TROOPS IN ZULULAND.

necessity for again sending military reinforcements to South Africa, at the disposal of the High Commissioner of the British Government, has arisen from a civil war among the Zulu nation, formerly ruled by King Cetewayo. The native feudal chiefs, or petty Kings, between whom that portion Kings, between whom that portion of the country was divided which was not annexed to the immediate British dominion, soon lost their authority, except one, named Usibepu, who professed loyalty to the British protectorate, and with whom Dinizulu, the son of Cetewayo, obtaining the assistance of certain Dutch Boers by ceding to them land for a pretended new or certain butten beers by cetting to them land for a pretended new Dutch Republic, waged a war costing many lives and much distress to the people. Usibepu has latterly been worsted, and the British Government—not that of Natal but the Imperial High Commissioner — has ordered General Leicester Smythe, commanding her

Leicester Smythe, commanding her
Majesty's forces, to put down the
usurper Dinizulu, treating him as a
rebel. The British camp, on June 19, was established at a place
called Entonjaneni, overlooking the plain of Ulundi, the scene
of Cetewayo's final defeat by Lord Chelmsford's army in 1879,
and the valley of the White Umvolosi river. A correspondent,
Major C. H. Atchison, R.A., has favoured us with a Sketch
of the view from near the camp, which will remind our
readers of some other views of Zululand published during the
memorable Zulu war nine years ago. Entonianeni is distant memorable Zulu war nine years ago. Entonjaneni is distant fifty-four miles from Etshowe, near the eastern seacoast, which place was held at that time, with great fortitude, by a small place was held at that time, with great fortitude, by a small gurrison of British soldiers and sailors under Colonel Pearson (10 W General Sir Edward Pearson), closely beleaguered by an immense force of the enemy, and suffering from want of provisions and ammunition. It is now the basis of military operations in Zululand. The troops first assembled at Entonjaneni were drawn from the garrison of Pietermaritzburg, in the adjacent colony of Natal; and the detachment of Royal Artillery, commanded by Major Atchison, performed the distance, 195 miles, in eleven marches. There is an advanced post of the British force at Nkonjani, twenty-two miles further to the north-east. It is said that Dinizulu is now at Cesa, on the northern frontier of Zululand, with only two thousand followers, mostly belonging to alien tribes. He thousand followers, mostly belonging to alien tribes. He certainly does not command the general support of the Zulu nation, and may either take flight or surrender, instead of putting the British expedition to the trouble of pursuing him.

The match at Hastings between the Australians and an Eleven of England terminated on Aug. 4 in a victory for the colonists by an innings and 27 runs.—At Lord's a match was played by the M.C.C. and Ground, who scored 71 and 66, against a Scarborough Eleven, who made but 29 and 50 in their two innings.

In commemoration of the freedom of the Scheldt, fêtes In commemoration of the freedom of the Scheldt, fêtes will be held at Antwerp from Saturday, Aug. 11, throughout the following week. On the night of Tuesday, Aug. 14, a Venetian water-fête upon the Scheldt has been organised by the Chamber of Commerce of Antwerp, comprising a naval procession and general illumination of the river. In connection with these celebrations return tickets have been arranged by the Great Eastern Railway at reduced rates, viâ the Harwich route, available from the opening to the close of the festival.

The annual meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron was held on Aug. 6, at the Castle, Cowes. The Prince of Wales, the Commodore, presided, and there were over sixty other members present.—The Cowes week opened with a couple of races in connection with the Royal London Yacht Club, whose Solent station is on the Cowes Parade. The roadstead was studded with a magnificent fleet of sailing and steam yachts, which were dressed from stem to stern in honour of the Duke which were dressed from stem to stern in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh's forty-fourth birthday.— The Royal Yacht Squadron race for her Majesty's cup took place on the 7th off Cowes, when Moina (Captain Bainbridge's cutter) won.



VIEW FROM BRITISH CAMP AT ENTONJANENI, ZULULAND.

#### SCHLOSS BRAUNFELS.

Braunfels, the seat of the Princes Solms, is one of the most ancient and picturesque castles in Germany. It is scarcely two hours' journey by rail from either Coblenz, Ems, or Frankfurt. Tourists in the Rhineland may take the Lahn Valley route, by Ems, Braunfels, and Giessen, to Frankfurt, and may return by the Rhine.

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The residence of the ancient family of Solms has much historical interest, especially to English people. So far back as 1269 we find the English Earl of Cornwall, elected King of Germany in 1257, connected with this house by his marriage with the beautiful Countess Beatrix of Falkenstein. The talented Countess Amalia Solms, daughter of Count John Albert, was grandmother of King William III. of England, being the wife of Prince Henry of Orange. But it is to the deeds of Count Henry Solms that the family can refer with pardonable pride. He landed with Prince William of Orange at Torbay, in 1688, and was among the Prince's trusted captains for many years. He was present at the relief of Derry; and, at the head of his famous regiment of infantry—Solms' Blues, 2000 strong—was the first to attack the enemy at the battle of he Boyne, on the morning of July 1, 1690. Although repeatedly requested by William to take service in the English Army, he steadfastly refused, and was killed in action, as General in the Dutch service, at the battle of Neerwinden, on July 19, 1693. July 19, 1693.

The almost total destruction of the castle by fire in 1679, The almost total destruction of the castle by fire in 1679, and of its ancestral archives, was a serious loss to the family; but copies of these documents had been preserved. The rebuilding was commenced immediately, and was continued at intervals between the feudal wars of those times; but it was left for the present head of the house, Prince George Solms, to restore the Schloss to its former grandeur. The completion of this task only took place in 1885. The original plan of Schloss Braunfels was adhered to; and it now stands, on its foundation of "brown rock" (the origin of the name), a faithful copy of the castle before its destruction in the seventeenth ful copy of the castle before its destruction in the seventeenth

The view of the castle, as seen from the beautiful road leading through the deer-park from the station, is most effective. It is beheld at a distance, standing out against the skyline, with the gabled roofs of a small part of the old town, beech and oak forests surrounding them. Arrived at the castle, and standing on the old ramparts, the visitor sees beneath him and close around him woods of gnarled oak, beech, and waving pine-trees; and, in the distance to the north, the Westerwold; to the south, the Taunus mountains, with their peaks ranging one above the other, which with their peaks ranging one above the other, which make a background such as Nature alone, in her wild grandeur, can supply. Within the building, however, a visitor to Braunfels, or one merely passing through, will find more to interest him. The numerous rooms and halls are arranged in exquisite taste, showing the styles of different periods, with fine ald delicated convertigate the styles of different periods, with exquisite taste, showing the styles of different periods, with fine old delicately carved oak, china, many-coloured tapestries, antique silver, curiously patterned laces and embroideries; amongst the latter is the wedding-dress of St. Elizabeth of Thüringen, made at the nunnery of Altenburg, a few miles distant from Braunfels, and the property of the Solms family. The Baronial Hall, with its weird arched roof, and the collection of the old armour adorning its walls, demands a careful inspection. The picture galleries are worth much attention, containing, besides many other portraits, those more intimately connected with many other portraits, those more intimately connected with the history of England, such as the picture of Count Henry Solms and his twelve trusty Captains. There are various modern works of art, among which are the realistic paintings

or wild animal life by Deiker.

One of the reasons, perhaps, why Braunfels is, or, rather, was, so little known to travellers was the want of good accommodation in the town. But tow a first-class establishment, the Schloss Hotel, with every modern comfort for a lengthened sojourn, has been erected. This place is recommended for its bracing air, calculated to restore one's health; while the beautiful walks through the woods, and excursions to the interesting places in the neighbourhood within pleasant. of wild animal life by Deiker. while the beautiful walks through the woods, and excursions to the interesting places in the neighbourhood within pleasant driving distance, will occupy the time, with some excellent fishing on a stream many miles in length, and other sport, which can easily be obtained. Prince Albert Solms's kennels are within walking-distance, and people interested in dogs should not fail to visit them. They are probably the largest on the Continent, and contain as fine a collection of sporting and other dogs of the purest strains, nearly all noted prize winners, as can be seen anywhere in England. Braunfels, with all these attractions, should have many English visitors in the present and future seasons.

The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen entertained on Aug. 6, at Dollis Hill. 350 residents of the Homes for Working-Girls in London. Dr. George Macdonald, Mr. John Shrimpton, and Captain Sinclair were also present.

During the past seven months 173,961 emigrants of British origin left the kingdom, of whom 124,182 went to the United States, 25,353 to British North America, and 16,123 to Australasia. In the first seven months of 1887 the number was 169,555, of whom 124,311 were for the United States, 21,141 for British North America, and 17,922 for Australasia. During the past month the number was 19,134, as compared with 29,938 in July, 1887, 2.524 of this decrease being in the emigration to the United States.

#### THE NAVAL MANŒUVRES.

Our Special Artists, Mr. W. H. Overend and Mr. J. R. Wells, respectively accompanying, on board H.M.S. Northumberland respectively accompanying, on source thanks. Note that and H.M.S. Hercules, the "A squadron," under command of Vice-Admiral Baird, and the "B squadron," commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir George Tryon, have supplied us with many sketches of the contest in manœuvres and tactics of naval warfare, on the south-west coast of Ireland. It has been explained to our readers that the "B squadron" represents an enemy's fleet which has occupied the western and northern ports of that island, especially Bantry Bay, in the county of Cork, and Lough Swilly, in Donegal, with the intention of attacking Great Britain, and of destroying British vessels at sea. The "A squadron," at the beginning of hostilities on July 24, blockaded the enemy's ships in both these harbours; the operations on the north coast being conducted by Rear-Admiral Rowley, with his division of the "A squadron" from the Isle of Arran, Firth of Clyde, investing the position of Rear-Admiral Fitzroy, who was in Lough Swilly with his division of the "B squadron." Our present Illustrations, however, are confined to the blockade of Bantry Bay by the main division of the "A squadron," immediately commanded by Admiral Baird, and Sir George Tryon's defence of his position with the "B squadron," first division, stationed at and H.M.S. Hercules, the "A squadron," under command of

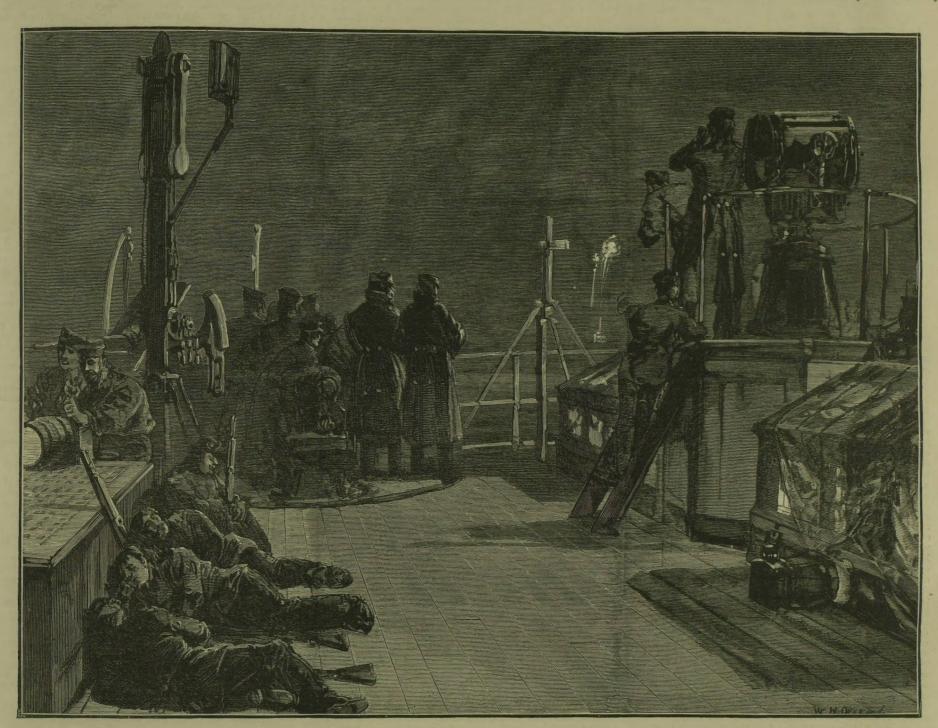
Berehaven, where it is sheltered by a small island near the north shore of Bantry Bay, called Bear Island. That shore extends to a promontory fifteen miles further westward, opposite Dursey Island, in the open Atlantic; its most southerly point is Black Ball Head, well outside of Bantry Bay. The mainland shores of Cork, again deeply penetrated by Dunmanus Bay, terminate to the south at Brow Head, near the little fishing-port of Crookhaven, and within sight of Cape Clear, which is not part of the mainland, but another small island, well known to American mail steam-ships on their way to Cork Harbour. An enemy's fleet, once permitted to get out of Berehaven with impunity, might cover the whole southwestern coast of Ireland, secure the harbours of Kinsale, Cork, and Queenstown, and possibly Waterford, to place troops where they would be available for an invasion of the West of England and South Wales, or to force an entrance up the Severn. The blockade of Berehaven is, therefore, in the case supposed, a necessary part of British defensive operations.

War was declared at noon on July 24. At that time the "A squadron," first division, was off the entrance to Bantry Bay. Several of the enemy's positions of observation had been seen at various points along the coast, as at Brow Head, between Bantry Bay and Cape Clear. The Admiral gave orders to the Active, Commodore Markham, to form an inner blockading squadron at the outbreak of hostilities, consisting of the

Active, Rover, Mersey, Archer, and Collingwood. This squadron was reconnoitring the western entrance to Berehaven, when, as soon as war was declared, the ironclads steamed at full speed into Bantry Bay. Two of the enemy's cruisers, the Iris and the Cossack, were soon discerned on the look-out. As the squadron advanced in column of divisions, line ahead, the Admiral leading, the port line fire was opened with quick-firing guns on the enemy, who held his ground, but did not return the fire. After a brief cannonade the squadron reversed its course, forming columns of divisions in quarter line. The Iris and her consort proceeded to follow at a respectful distance. In the afternoon the ironclad squadron again stood inwards to reconnoitre, the enemy's cruisers still remaining on the watch. The flag-ship advanced far enough to see the mastheads of several of the enemy's ships over the low ground of Bear Island. The Iris and Cossack then retired within the protected anchorage, having advanced as far as was considered prudent. Admiral Baird now made a signal to alter the course to seaward. As this manœuvre was being performed, two second-class torpedoboats were observed making towards the fleet from the east. Fire was opened upon them with rifles and quick-firing guns from the whole squadron, and in less than two minutes they retired out of range.

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THE NAVAL MANŒUYRES: BLOCKADE OF BEREHAVEN .- SIGNAL BY TWO ROCKETS FROM THE INSHORE SQUADRON TO THE ADMIRAL OUTSIDE. FROM A SKETCH BY CNE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

seem to place the blockading squadron at a great disadvantage. The Iris and Cossack could not in actual war have remained for so long as they did within range of the ironclad squadron without being destroyed; yet Admiral Baird was powerless to put them out of action, because the rules require that, in order to do this, he must remain for one hour continuously within 3000 yards of an enemy's ship. In the evening Admiral Baird's fleet was divided into two squadrons; the inner squadron, under Commodore Markham, taking up a position as near as was prudent to the enemy's anchorage, position as near as was prudent to the enemy's anchorage, while the ironclad squadron remained some miles outside, both squadrons steaming slowly backwards and forwards across the mouth of Bantry Bay.

Next day, at eleven in the forenoon, the enemy—the "B squadron"—was observed steaming out with four battleships, the Hercules, Warspite, Ajax, and Hero; and three cruisers, the Severn, Iris, and Volage. The blockading squadron immediately began to manœuvre for the purpose of preventing his escape. As he steamed along outside Bear Island, the enemy opened fire from his broadside guns at a distance estimated on board the Northumberland as at least 7000 vards, but as this was 3000 vards beyond the limit fixed 7000 yards, but as this was 3000 yards beyond the limit fixed by regulations for the conduct of an action, his fire was not returned. Simultaneously with this somewhat futile display the Volage, supported by the Severn and Iris, was observed near the western entrance to the strait of Berehaven, evidently endeavouring to slip out if she could. The Mersey was at once sent to prevent her escape, and, if possible, to cut off her retreat. The former object was soon accomplished, as the Mersey opened fire as soon as she got within range, and the Volage was forthwith recalled by Admiral Tryon, who by this time was steaming back with his whole fleet to his anchorage at Perehaven. This position is in the narrow strait between Bear Valued and the north shore of Bantur Bay. The

Bear Island and the north shore of Bantry Bay.

eastern entrance was protected by a boom within which the Rupert, with torpedo-nets in position, was anchored head and stern. Outside the boom was an extensive mine-field. At the western. Outside the boom was an extensive mine-neid. At the western entrance, but slightly eastward of Castletown, another line of mines was laid down, but there appeared to be no boom. The main body of the enemy's fleet was stationed in two lines about midway between the two mine-fields, the Hercules, Ajax, and Severn being next the mainland, and the Hero, Warspite, and Iris under Bear Island. The Volage, with the Cossack, Sandfly, and several torpedo-boats, occupied a position under Bear Island, near the western mine-field, and the Rupert was also supported by torpedo-boats stationed near Rupert was also supported by torpedo-boats stationed near the boom.

One of our Sketches is that of the officers on board Admiral Baird's flag-ship, on the night of July 24, observing a signal of two rockets apparently made from Commodore Markham's inshore squadron, to warn the Admiral that two of the enemy's torpedo-boats and one ironclad were coming out. This signal was afterwards believed to have been a feint made by the enemy, to harass and disturb the blockading fleet; as no ironclad did come out, but one torpedo-boat furtively approached H.M. Collingwood, of the inshore squadron. On being challenged, the reply from this torpedo-boat was "A friend," giving a false number, but without the pass-word; the Collingwood then opened fire, and the nocturnal intruder made off very quickly

The torpedo-boats on both sides have been very active during the blockade. We have not space to relate all their achievements and encounters with each other; but our Artist with Sir George Tryon's "B Squadron," Mr. Wells, furnishes a sketch of the capture of two of Admiral Baird's torpedo-boats, on Friday night, July 27, off Black Ball Head, by four torpedo-boats running out from Berehaven. It seems, however, that Admiral Baird has denied the reality of this capture.

At length, on Saturday, Aug. 5, after various movements and counter-movements, the account of which may be deferred to form an explanatory narrative with the Sketches to appear in a future publication, the blockade of Bantry Bay suddenly came to end. It was broken through, on the preceding night, by Sir George Tryon's squadron, which was thereupon free, and might attempt either to enter St. George's Channel, the Severn, or the British Channel or to join Admiral Fitzroy to the north

Admiral Rowley at Lough Swilly has not been so effective as to prevent the ships from the squadron of Admiral Fitzroy escaping his vigilance, and running over to attack the Scottish coast. It seems that one of the "B Squadron," H.M.S. Calypso, which had eluded the blockade at Lough Swilly, captured Oban on Friday night, Aug. 3, and laid the town under con-Oban on Friday night, Aug. 3, and laid the town under contribution, destroying the telegraph, or rather giving all concerned notice that they were to consider themselves unable to resist pillage and destruction. On Sunday, Aug. 5, another of Admiral Fitzroy's squadron, the Spider, came up the Clyde and bombarded Greenock sufficiently to destroy the town and captured the coastguard cutter. She afterwards paid a similar compliment to Ardrossan, where Captain Hogarth, in command of the battery, claims to have beaten her off. A bombardment of several towns on the British coasts was to be expected. On Monday, four of Admiral Fitzroy's ironclads, H.M.S. Devastation, H.M.S. Rodney, and two others, which had passed from Lough Swilly round the north of Scotland into the German Ocean, bombarded Aberdeen early in the morning, captured Ocean, bombarded Aberdeen early in the morning, captured two forts, and proceeded to the Firth of Forth, where they engaged and silenced the Inchkeith batteries, and went up to the Forth Bridge, but did not molest Leith and Edinburgh. Berwick-on-Tweed was visited by the enemy on the same

### FOR FAITH AND FREEDOM.\*

BY WALTER BESANT,

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"THE REVOLT OF MAN," "KATHARINE REGINA," ETC.

#### CHAPTER XI.

BEFORE THE STORM.



breaks there some-times falls upon the earth a brief time when the sun shines in splendour from a clear sky, the air is balmy and delight-some, the birds sing in the coppice, and in the coppice, and the innocent lambs leap in the meadows. Then, suddenly, dark clouds gather from the north; the wind blows cold; in a minute the sky is black; the lightnings

flash, the thunders roll, the wind roars, the hail beats down and strips the orchard of its promise, and silences the birds cowering in the branches and drives the trembling shear to take shaltering the

birds cowering in the branches and drives the trembling sheep to take shelter in the hedges. This was to be my case. You shall understand how for a single day—it was no more—I was the happiest girl in all the world.

I may now without any shame confess that I have always loved Robin, from my earliest childhool. That was no great wonder seeing what manner of boy he was, and how he was always kind and thoughtful for me. We were at first only brother and sister together, which is natural and reasonable when children grow up together; nor can I tell when or how we ceased to be brother and sister, save that it may have been when Robin kissed me so tenderly save that it may have been when Robin kissed me so tenderly at parting, and told me that he should always love me. I do not think that brothers do generally protest love and promise continual affection. Barnaby certainly never declared his love

not think that brothers do generally protest love and promise continual affection. Barnaby certainly never declared his love for me, nor did he ever promise to love me all his life. Perhaps, had he remained longer, he might have become as tender as he was good-hearted; but I think that tenderness towards a sister is not in the nature of a boy. I loved Robin, and I loved Humphrey, both as if they were brothers; but one of them ceased to be my brother, while the other, in consequence, remained my brother always.

A girl may be ignorant of the world as I was, and of lovers and their ways as I was, and yet she cannot grow from a child to a woman without knowing that when a young man who hath promised to love her always, speaks of her in every letter, he means more than common brotherly love. Nor can any woman be indifferent to a man who thus regards her; nor can she think upon love without the desire of being herself loved. Truly, I had always before my eyes the spectacle of that holy love which consecrates every part of life. I mean, in the case of my mother, whose waking and sleeping thoughts were all for her husband, who worked continually and cheerfully with her hands that he might be enabled to study without other work, and gave up her whole life, without grudging—even reckoning it her happiness and her privilege—in order to provide food and shelter for him. It was enough reward for her that he should sometimes lay his hand lovingly upon her head, or turn his eyes with affection to meet hers.

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It was in the night of June 12, as I lay in bed, not yet asleep, though it was already past nine o'clock, that I heard the trampling of hoofs crossing the stream and passing our cottage. Had I known who were riding those horses there would have been but little sleep for me that night. But I knew not, and did not suspect, and so, supposing that it was only one of the farmers belated, I closed my eyes, and presently slept until the morning.

About five o'clock, or a little before that time, I awoke, the sun having already arisen, and being now well up above the hills. I therefore arose softly, leaving my mother asleep still, and, having dressed quickly, and prayed a little, I crept down the stairs. In the house there was such a stillness that I could even hear the regular breathing of my father as he slept upon his pallet among his books; it was chill and damp (as is the custom in the early morning) in the room where we lived and worked. Yet, when I threw open door and shutter and looked outside, the air was full of warmth and refreshment; as for the birds, they had long since left their nests, and now were busy looking for their breakfast; the larks were singing overhead, and the bees already humming and droning. Who would lie abed when he could get up and enjoy the beauty of the morning? When I had breathed a while, with pleasure and satisfaction, the soft air, which was laden with the scent of flowers and of hay, I went indoors again, and swept and dusted the room. Then I opened the cupboard, and considered the provision for breakfast. For my father there would be a slice of cold bacon with a good crust of homemade bread (better bread or sweeter was nowhere to be had) and a cup of cider, warming to the spirits and good, for one who is no longer young, against any rawness of the morning air. For my mother and myself there would be, as soon as our neighbours' cows were milked, a cup of warm milk and b bread soaked in it. 'Tis a breakfast good for a grown person as well as for a child, and it cost us nothing but the trouble of going to take it.

When I had swept the room and laid everything in its place I went into the garden, hoe in hand, to weed the beds and trim the borders. The garden was not very big, it is true, but it produced many things useful for us; notably onions and sallet, besides many things useful for us; notably onions and sallet, besides many herbs good for the house, for it was a fertile strip of ground and planted in every part of it. Now, such was the beauty of the morning and the softness of the air that I presently forgot the work about which I had come into the garden, and sat down in the shade upon a bench, suffering my thoughts to wander hither and thither. Much have I always pitied those poor folk in towns who can never escape from the noise and clatter of tongues and sit somewhere in the sunshine or the shade while the cattle low somewhere in the sunshine or the shade, while the cattle low in the meadows and the summer air makes the leaves to rustle, and thus alone suffer their thoughts to wander here and rustle, and thus alone suffer their thoughts to wander here and there. Every morning when I arose was this spectacle of Nature's gladness presented to my eyes, but not every morning could my spirit (which sometimes crawls, as if fearing the light of day and the face of the sun) rise to meet and greet it, and to feel it calling aloud for a hymn of praise and thanksgiving. For, indeed, this is a beautiful world, if we could always (which we cannot for the earthliness of our natures) suffer its loveliness to sink into our hearts. I know not what I thought this morning; but I remember, while I considered the birds, which neither reap nor sow, nor take any thought of

to-morrow, yet are daily fed by Heaven, that the words were whispered in mine ear: "Are ye not much better than they?" And this, without doubt, prepared my heart for what should

While I sat thinking of I know not what, there came footsteps—quick footsteps—along the road; and I knew those footsteps, and sprang to my feet, and ran to the garden-gate, crying, "Robin!—it is Robin!"

Yes; it was Robin.

He seized me by both hands, looking in my face curiously

and eagerly.
"Alice!" he said, drawing a deep breath, "Oh! but what

hath happened to thee?"
"What should happen, Robin?"
"Oh! Thou art changed, Alice! I left thee almost a child, and now—now—I thought to catch thee in my arms sweet rustic nymph-and now-fain must I go upon my

knees to a goddess."
"Robin!" Who, indeed, would have expected such

language from Robin?

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"Alice," he said, still gazing upon me with a kind of wonder which made me blush, "do you remember when we parted four years ago—the words we said? As for me, I have never forgotten them. I was to think of thee always; I was to love thee always. Truly I may say that there is never a day but thou hast been in my mind. But not like this "—— He continued to look-upon me as upon-some strange creature, so that I began to be frightened and turned away.

"Nay, Alice, forgive me.—I am one who is dazzled by the

"Nay, Alice, forgive me. I am one who is dazzled by the splendour of the sun. Forgive me; I cannot speak. I thought of a village beauty, rosy-cheeked, sweet and wholesome as an August quarander, and I find "——

"'Robin—not a goddess."
"Well, then, a woman tall and stately, and more beau-

but the word stuck.

"I swear, sweet saint—if I may swear—nay, then I do affirm, that I do not flatter. Hear me tell a plain tale. I have travelled far since last I saw thee; I have seen the great ladies of the Court both of St. James's and of the Louvre; I have seen the famous beauties of Provence, and the black-eyed witches of Italy; but nowhere have I seen a woman half so fair."

Then he knelt at my feet and seized my hand and kissed it.
Oh, the foolishness of a man in love! And yet it pleases us.
No woman is worth it. No woman can understand it; nor can she comprehend the power and might of man's love, nor why he singles out her alone from all the rest and fills his heart wholly with her, so that all other women are henceforward as his sisters. It is wonderful; it is most wonderful. Yet it pleases us. Nay, we cannot choose but thank God for it with all our heart and with all our soul.

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I would not, if I could, set down all the things which Robin said. First, because the words of love are sacred; next, because I would not that other women should know the extravagance of his praise. It was in broken words, because love

travagance of his praise. It was in broken words, because love can never be eloquent.

As for me, what could I do, what could I say? For I had loved him from my very childhood, and now all my heart went out from me and became his. I was all his. I was his slave to command. That is the quality of earthly love by which it most closely resembles the heavenly love, so that just as the godly man is wholly devoted to the will of the Lord in all things great and small, resigned to His chastiscments, and always anxious to live and die in His service, so in earthly love one must be wholly devoted to the person whom one loves. And Robin was come home again, and I was lying in his arms and he was kissing me and calling me all the sweet and tender things that he could invent, and laughing and sighing together as if too happy to be quiet. Oh! sweetest moments of my life! Why did they pass so quickly? Oh! sacrament of love, which can be taken only once, and yet changes the whole of life and fills it with memory which is wholly sweet! In all other earthly things there is something of bitterness.

In all other earthly things there is something of bitterness. In this holy joy of pure and sacred love there is no bitterness—no; not any. It leaves behind nothing of reproach or of

no; not any. It leaves behind nothing of repreach or of repentance, of shame or of sorrow. It is altogether holy.

Now, when my boy had somewhat recovered from his first rapture, and I had assured him very earnestly that I was not, indeed, an angel, but a most sinful woman, daily offending in my inner thoughts (an assurance which he received, indeed, with an appearance of disbelief and scorn) I was able to consider his appearance which was now very fine though always. with an appearance of thisbener and scorn) I was able to consider his appearance, which was now very fine, though always, as I learned when I saw him among other gentlemen, with some soberness as became one whose upbringing inclined him to plainness of dress as well as of speech and manner. He wore a long wig of brown hair, which might have been his own but for its length; his hat was laced and cocked, which gave

but for its length; his hat was laced and cocked, which gave him a gallant and martial appearance; his neckeloth was long and of fine lace; beside him in my russet gown I must have looked truly plain and rustic; but Robin was pleased not to think so, and love is a great magician to cheat the eyes.

He was home again; he told me he should travel no more (yet you shall hear how far he afterwards travelled against his will); his only desire now was to stay at home and live as his grandfather had lived, in his native village; he had nothing to pray for but the continuance of my love—of which, indeed, there was no doubt possible.

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It was now close upon six o'clock, and I begged him to go away for the present, and if my father and Sir Christopher should agree, and if it should seem to his Honour a fit and proper thing that Robin should marry a girl so penniless as myself, wny—then—we might meet again after breakfast, or after dinner; or, indeed, at any other time, and so discourse more upon the matter. So he left me, being very reluctant to go; and I, forgetting my garden and what I had come forth to do, returned to the house. returned to the house

You must understand that all these things passed in the garden divided from the lane by a thick hedge and that passers-by—but there were none—could not, very well, have seen what was done, though they might have heard what was said. But if my father had looked out of his window he could have seen, and if my mother had come down-stairs she also might have seen they not the variety of this I seen through the window, or through the open door. Of this I thought not upon, nor was there anything to hide—though one would not willingly suffer anyone, even one's own mother to see and listen at such a moment. Yet mother has since told me that she saw Robin on his knees kissing my hands, but she withdrew and would not look again.

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When I stepped within the door she was at work with her wheel, and looked up with a smile upon her lips, but tears were lying in her eyes. Had I known what she had seen, I should have been ashamed.

"Daughter," she said softly, "thy cheek is burning red. Hast thou, perchance, been too long in the sun?"

"No, mother, the sun is not too hot."

"Daughter," she went on, still smiling through her tears, "thine eyes are bright and glowing. Hast thou a touch of fever by ill chance?"

"No, mother, I have no fever."
"Child, thy lips are trembling and thy hands are shaking.
My dear, my dear, what is it? Tell thy mother all."
She held out her arms to me, and I threw myself at her feet and buried my head in her lap as if I had been again a

"Mother! mother!" I cried, "Robin hath come home again, and he says he loves me, and nothing will do but he

agam, and he says he loves me, and nothing will do but he must marry me."

"My dear," she said, kissing and fondling me, "Robin hath always been a good lad, and I doubt not that he hath returned unspotted from the world; but, nay, do not let us be too sure. For, first, his Honour must consent, and then Madam; and thy father must be asked—and he would never, too sure. For, first, his Honour must consent, and then Madam; and thy father must be asked—and he would never, for any worldly honour—no, never—suffer thee to marry an ungodly man. As for thy lack of fortune, I know not if that will not also stand in the way; and as for family, thy father, though he was born in New England, cometh of a good stock, and I myself am a gentlewoman, and on both sides we bear an ancient coat-of-arms. And as for thyself, my dear, thou art—I thank God for it!—of a sweet temper and an obedient disposition. From the earliest thou hast never given thy mother any uneasiness, and I think thy heart hath been mercifully disposed towards goodness from thy childhood upwards. It is a special grace in this our long poverty and oppression; and it consoles me partly for the loss of my son Barnaby." Here she was silent for a space, and her eyes filled and brimmed over. "Daughter," she said earnestly, "thou art comely in the eyes of men; that have I known for long. It is partly for thy sweet looks that Sir Christopher loves thee; Mr. Boscorel plays music with thee partly because his eyes love to behold the beauty of woman. Nay, I mean moreproach, because it is the nature of men to love all things beautiful, whether it be the plumage of a bird or the shape of a woman's head. Yes; thou art beautiful, my dear. Beauty passes, but love remains. Thy husband will perchance never cease to think thee lovely if he still proves daily thy goodness and the loveliness of thy heart. My dear, thou hast long comforted thy mother; now shalt thou go, with the blessing of the Lord, to be the solace and the joy of thy husband."

#### CHAPTER XII. HUMPHREY.

Presently my father came in, the Bible in his hand. By his countenance it was plain that he had been already engaged in meditation, and that his mind was charged as with a message.

Alas! to think of the many great discourses that he pronounced (being as a dog who must be muzzled should he leave the farm-yard) to us women alone. If they were written down the world would lift up its hands with wonder, and ask if a prophet indeed had been vouchsafed to this unhappy country. The Roman Church will have that the time of Saints did not end with the last of the Apostles; that may be, and yet a Saint has no more power after death than remains in his written words and in the memory of his life. Shall we not, however, grant that there may still be Prophets, who see and apprehend the meaning of words and of things more fully than others even as spiritually minded as themselves? Now, I say, considering what was immediately to befall us, the passage which my father read and expounded that morning, was in a manner truly prophetic. It was the Vision of the Basket of Summer Fruit which was vouchsafed to the Prophet Amos. He read to us that terrible chapter—everybody knows it, though it hath but fourteen verses:

"I will turn your feasts into monurning and all your songs into lementation."

"(I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation. . . I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread or a thirst of water, but of hearing the words of the Lord!"

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He then applied the chapter to these times, saying that the Scriptures and the prophecies apply not only to the Israel of the time when Amos or any other prophet lived, but to the people of God in all ages, yet so that sometimes one prophet seems to deliver the message that befits the time and sometimes another. All these things prophesied by Amos had come to pass in this country of Great Britain, so that there was, and had now been for twenty-five years, a grievous famine and a sore thirst for the words of the Lord. He continued to explain and to enlarge upon this topic for nearly an hour, when he concluded with a fervent prayer that the famine would pass away and the sealed springs be open again for the children of grace to drink and be refreshed.

This done, he took his breakfast in silence, as was his wont, loving not to be disturbed by any earthly matters when his mind was full of his morning discourse. When he had eaten the bread and meat and taken the cup of cider, he arose and went back to his own room, and shut the door. We should have no more speech of him until dinner-time.

"I will speak with him, my dear," said my mother. "But not yet. Let us wait till we hear from Sir Christopher."

"I would that my father had read us a passage of encouragement and promise on this morning of all mornings," I said.

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My mother turned over the leaves of the Bible. "I will read you a verse of encouragement," she said. "It is the word of God as much as the Book of the Prophet Amo." So she found and read for my comfort words which had a new

meaning to me:—

"My beloved spake and said unto me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land! The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair on, and come away.'"

And again, these that follow:—

"Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm; for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither c in the

flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If a man would give all the substance of his house for love it would utterly be contemned."

In these gracious, nay, these enraptured, words, doth the Bible speak of love; and though I am not so ignorant as not to know that it is the love of the Church for Christ, yet I am persuaded by my own spiritual experience—whatever Doctors of Divinity may argue—that the carthy love of husband and wife may be spoken of in these very words as being the type of that other and higher love. And in this matter I know that my mother would also confirm my judgment.

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It might have been between nine and ten that Humphrey came. Surely he was changed more than Robin; for the great white periwig which he wore (being now a physician) falling upon his shoulders did partly hide the deformity of his wry shape, and the black velvet coat did also become him mightily. As for his face, that was not changed at all. It had been grave and serious in youth; it was now more grave and more serious in manhood. He stood in the doorway, not seeing me—I was making a pudding for dmner, with my sleeves rolled up and my arms white with flour.

"Mistress Eykin," he said, "are old friends passed out of mind?"

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And Robin was come home again, and I was lying in his arms and he was kissing me.

"FOR FAITH AND FREEDOM."—BY WALTER BESANT.

"Why," my mother left her wheel and gave him her hand, "'tis Humphrey! I knew that we should see the this morning, Humphrey. Is thy health good, my son, and is all well with thee?'
"All is well, Madam, and my health is good. How is my master, thy hysband?"

"All is well, Madam, and my health is good. How is my master—thy husband?"

"He is always well, and—but thou knowest what manner of life he leads. Of late he hath been much disquieted; he is restless—his mind runs much upon the prophecies of war and pestilence. It is the news from London and the return of the Mass which keep him uneasy. Go in and see him, Humphrey. He will willingly suffer thee to disturb him, though we must not go near him in his hours of study."

"Presently; but where is my old playfellow—where is Alice?"

Alice?"

"She is behind you, Humphrey.'

He turned, and his pale face flushed when he saw me.

"Alice?" he cried. "Is this truly Alice? Nay, she is changed indeed! I knew not -I could not expect—nay, how could one expect"—

"'There is no change." said my mother, sharply. "Alice

could one expect "——
"There is no change," said my mother, sharply. "Alice
was a child, and is now a woman; that is all."
"Humphrey expects," I said, "that we should all stop
still while Time went on. You were to become a Bachelor of
Medicine, Sir, and a Fellow of All Souls' College, and to travel
in Italy and France, and to come back in a velvet coat, and a
long sword and a periwig over your shoulders; and I was to
be a little girl still."
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"It is not only that," he said; "though I confess that one did not make due allowance for the flight of Time. It is that

did not make due allowance for the flight of Time. It is that the sweet-faced child has become "——
"No, Humphrey," I said. "I want no compliments. Go now, Sir, and speak with my father. Afterwards you shall tell me all that you have been doing."

He obeyed, and opened my father's door.
"Humphrey!" My father sprang to his feet. "Welcome, my pupil! Thou bringest good news? Nay; I have received thy letters: I read the good news in thy face—I see it in thine eyes. Welcome home!"
"Sir. I have, indeed, great news," said Humphrey.

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"Sir, I have, indeed, great news," said Humphrey.
Then the door was closed.

He stayed there for half an hour and more; and we heard from within earnest talk—my father's voice sometimes uplifted, loud and angry, but Humphrey's always low, as if he did not wish us to overhear them. So, not to seem unto each other as if we were listening, mother and I talked of other things, such as the lightness of the pudding and the quantity of suct which should be put into it, and the time it should boil in the pot, and other things as women can whose hearts are full, yet they must needs be talking.

"Father hath much to say to Humphrey," I said, after a time; "he doth not use to like such interruption?"

"Humphrey's conversation is no interruption, my dear. They think the same thoughts and talk the same language. Your father may teach and admonish us, but he can only converse with a scholar such as himself. It is not the least evil of our oppression that he hath been cut off from the society of learned men, in which he used to take so much He stayed there for half an hour and more; and we heard

evil of our oppression that he hath been cut off from the society of learned men, in which he used to take so much delight. If Humphrey remains here a little while you shall see your father lose the eager and anxious look which hath of late possessed him. He will talk to Humphrey, and will clear his mind. Then he will be contented again for a while, or, at least, resigned."

Presently Humphrey came forth. His face was grave and serious. My father came out of the room after him.

"Let us talk more," he said—"let us resume our talk. Join me on the hill-side, where none can hear us. It is, indeed, the Vision of the Basket of Summer Fruit that we read this morning." His face was working with some inward excitement, and his eyes were full of a strange light as of a glad conqueror, or of one—forbid the thought!—who was taking a dire revenge. He strode down the garden and out into the lanes.

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"Thus," said my mother, "will he walk out and sometimes remain in the woods, walking, preaching to the winds, and swinging his arms the whole day long. Art thou a physician, and canst thou heal him, Humphrey?"

"If the cause be removed, the disease will be cured. Perhaps before long the cause will be removed."

"The cause—oh! the cause—what is the cause but the tyranny of the Law? He who was ordered by Heaven itself to preach hath been, perforce, silent for five-and-twenty years. His very life hath been taken from him. And you talk of removing the cause!"

"Madam, if the Law suffer him once more to preach freely, would that satisfy him—and you?"

My mother shook her head. "The Law," she said, "now we have a Papist on the throne, it is far more likely to lead my husband to the stake than to set him free."

"That shall we shortly see," said Humphrey.

My mother bent her head over her wheel as one who wishes to talk no more upon the subject. She loved not to speak concerning her husband to any except to me.

I went out into the garden with Humphrey. I was foolish. I laughed at nothing. I talked nonsense. Oh! I was so happy that if a pipe and tabor had been heard in the village I should have danced to the music, like poor Barnaby the night before he ran away. I regarded not the grave and scrious face of my companien.

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"You are merry, Alice," said Humphrey.

"It is because you are come back again—you and Robin.
On! the time has been long and dull—and now you have come back we shall all be happy again. Yes; my father will cease to fret and rage: he will talk Latin and Greek with you; Sir Christopher will be happy only in looking upon you; Madam will have her son home again; and Mr. Boscorel will bring out all the old music for you. Humphrey it is a happy bring out all the old music for you. Humphrey, it is a happy day that brings you home again."

"It may be a happy day also for me," he said; "but there is much to be done. When the business we have in hand is accomplished"—

"What business, Humphrey?" For he spoke so gravely that it startled me

that it startled me.

"'Tis business of which thy father knows, child. Nay; let us not talk of it. I think and hope that it is as good as accomplished now before it is well taken in hand. It is not of that business that I would speak. Alice, thou art so beautiful and to tall'"—

"Now Hymphrey. I must not be flattered."

"Nay, Humphrey. I must not be flattered."
"And I so crooked."
"Humphrey, I will not hear this talk. You, so great a scholar, thus to speak of yourself!"
"Let me speak of myself, my dear. Hear me for a moment." I declare that I had not the least thought of what he was going to say, my mind being wholly occupied with the idea of Robin.
"I am a physician, as you doubtless know. I am Medicina."

"I am a physician, as you doubtless know. I am Medicinæ Doctor of Oxford, of Padua, Montpellier, and Leyden. I know all—I may fairly say, and without boasting—that may be learned by one of my age from schools of medicine and from

books on the science and practice of healing. I believe, in short, that I am as good a physician as can be found within these seas. I am minded, as soon as tranquillity is restored, to set up as a physician in London, where I have already many friends, and am assured of some support. I think, humbly speaking, that reasonable success awaits me. Alice—you know that I have loved you all my life—will you marry me, crooked as I am? Oh! you cannot but know that I have loved you all my life. Oh! child," he stretched forth his hands, and in his eyes there was a world of longing and of sadness which moved my heart. "My dear, the crooked in body have no friends among men; they cannot join in their rough sports, nor drink with them, nor fight with them. They have no chance of happiness but in love, my dear. My dear, give me that chance. I love thee. Oh! my dear, give me that chance!"

Never had I seen Humphrey so moved before. I felt guilty and ashamed in the presence of this passion of which I was the most unworthy cause.

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"Oh! Humphrey, stop—for Heaven's sake stop!—because I am but this very morning promised to Robin, who loves me, too—and I love Robin, Humphrey." He sank back, pale and disordered, and I thought that he would swoon, but he recovered. "Humphrey, never doubt that I love you, too. But oh! I love Robin, and Robin loves me."

"Yes, dear—yes, child—yes, Alice," he said in broken accents. "I understand. Everything is for Robin—everything for Robin. Why, I might have guessed it! For Robin, the straight and comely figure; for Robin, the strength; for Robin, the inheritance; for Robin, happy love. For me, a crooked body; for me, a feeble frame; for me, the loss of fortune; for me, contempt and poverty; for me, the loss of love—all for Robin—all for Robin!"

"Humphrey—surely thou wouldst not envy or be jealous of Robin!" Never had I seen him thus moved, or heard him thus speak.

thus speak.

He made no answer for a while. Then he said slowly and painfully,

'Alice, I am ashamed.' Why should not Robin have all?

"Alice, I am ashamed. Why should not Robin have all? Who am I that I should have anything? Forgive me, child. I have lived in a paradise which fools create for themselves. I have suffered myself to dream that what I ardently desired was possible and even probable. Forgive me. Let me be as before—your brother. Will you forgive me, dear?"

"Oh, Humphrey! there is nothing for me to forgive."

"Nay, there is much for me to repent of. Forget it, then, if there is nothing to forgive."

"I have forgotten it already, Humphrey."

"So"—he turned upon me his grave, sweet face (to think of it makes me yearn with tenderness and pity)—"So, farewell, fond dream! Do not think, my dear, that I envy Robin. 'Twas a sweet dream! Yet, I pray that Heaven in wrath may forget me if ever I suffer this passion of envy to hurt my cousin Robin or thyself!"

So saying, he burst from me with distraction in his face.

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So saying, he burst from me with distraction in his face. Poor Humphrey! Alas! when I look back and consider this day, there is a doubt which haunts me. Always had I loved Robin: that is most true. But I had always loved Humphrey: that is most true. What if it had been Humphrey instead of Robin who had arisen in the early morning to find his sweetheart in the garden when the dew was yet upon the grass?

( To be continued.)

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At a meeting of this institution, held on Thursday, Aug. 2, at its house, John-street, Adelphi, rewards amounting to £101 were granted to the crews of life-boats of the institution for services rendered during the past month. The Portrush life-boat rendered assistance to the distressed brigantine Sunshine, of St. John, N.B.; the Dunwich life-boat assisted to save the schooner Leeds, of Goole, her crew of five persons, and the master's wife, after the vessel had been seriously damaged by collision with another ship; and the Barmouth life-boat saved the yacht Petrel, of Barmouth, with two men on board, which was in danger during a strong north-east gale. A reward was also granted to the crew of a shore-boat for saving three persons whose boat had been capsized in Carlingford Lough. Payments amounting to £2171 were ordered to be made on the 293 life-boat establishments of the institution. Among the contributions recently received were £1000 from Mrs. Stoker, of Hull, towards the cost of the Littlehampton and Blyth new life-boats; £700 from the Huddersfield branch to meet the expense of the Huddersfield new life-boat, recently placed at Hasborough; £75 annual subscription from E. F. White, Esq., and Miss White; and £13, proceeds of concert, per Newbiggin branch.

The annual contest for Doggett's Coat and Badge took place from London Bridge to Chelsea on Aug. I, and resulted as follows:—C. R. Harding, of Chelsea, 1; Frederick Bryant, of Shadwell, 2; F. W. Robinson, of Putney, 3.

Lady Bandon on Aug. 1 presented the 3rd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, at present stationed at Kinsale undergoing their annual training, with new colours, at the Kinsale Barracks. The Rev. Canon Patterson, Protestant Chaplain of the Cork district, assisted by the Rev. W. Darling, Rector of Kinsale, consecrated the new colours. In the evening the officers of the regiment gave a ball, for which upwards of 600 invitations were sent out. invitations were sent out.

At a meeting of the Leeds Town Council on Aug. 1, a committee was appointed to report on the feasibility of holding an international exhibition at Leeds in 1890. The Mayor stated that Mr. Lee Bapty, manager of the International Exhibition at Brussels, had been in communication with him on the subject. It was stated that the only exhibition ever held in Leeds of any great importance was in 1875. That exhibition realised £32,000, the profits on which were over £7000. Since the year 1875, the population of the borough had increased by 60,000 or 70,000, and there had been a corresponding increase in the population of the surrounding districts

The Earl of Aberdeen presided on Aug. conference on the subject of co-operation, held at the Irish Exhibition, Olympia. In his opening address he said he thought it would be beneficial to keep in view the question of thought it would be beneficial to keep in view the question of how far members of working-men's co-operative societies were prepared to share losses as well as profits in their undertakings. Mr. Benjamin Jones (hon. sec. to the southern section of the Central Co-operative Board) read a paper on "Co-operation as a means of improving the condition of Irish Industries." He expressed his conviction that the peculiar circumstances surrounding the Irish people made the application of co-operative principles a more likely means of improving their condition than the ordinary commercial methods. It would interfere less with their present habits and ideas, and better utilise their energies than by the establishment of private works or factories. The co-operative method, also, would ensure that surplus labour should be organised for its exclusive and mutual benefit. A paper on "Irish Co-operative Woollen Industries" was read by Mr. B. O'Callaghan, and a general discussion ensued, in which Mr. G. J. Holyoake and other speakers took part. The delegates were afterwards conducted over the Exhibition and shown the principal objects. DIRGES.

With Dirges through the night, with the thousand voices rising strong

and solemn,
With all the mournful voices of the Dirges pour'd around the coffin.
The dim-lit churches and the shuddering organs....
So journeys a hero to his grave, in the great death-song of the last of our poets; and the "tolling, tolling bells' perpetual clang" makes music to the chant.
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It is no wonder that in our wild and deep-delving English poetry there is scarcely anything finer than the dirges; the funeral hymns that the gloomy Northern nations have always loved to sing. Behind all our great poems is the reality of Life and Death ever close at hand. This is the essence of our humour as of our gloom. It is in Merry England that Hood the punster sings of the Bridge of Sighs; and that Lamb amid his quaint conceits comes back ever and again to the old theme of mortality—sees through the green and the daisies to the mould and its worms beneath.

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Dirges—"the very word is like a knell": a solemn, sullenswinging word, with a heavy toll of sadness that well befits its meaning. How it hangs over Poe's line—

"Till the Dirges of his hope the melancholy ourden bore Of "Never—never more!"

And in our poetry we have them of all natures: touched And in our poetry we have them of all natures: touched with a gracious sadness that has more of beauty than of gloom, or ringing with a hollow agony; heavy as with the falling earth, or echoing from a sea-burial across the water—like those two by Webster and Shakspeare of which Charles Lamb so finely speaks. In his earth song Webster sings—

Call unto his funeral dole

The ant, the field-mouse, and the mole

To rear him hillocks that shall keep him warm

And (when gay tombs are robb'd) sustain no harm;

But keep the wolf far thence, that 's foe to men,

For with his nalls he'll dig them up again.

"I never," says Lamb, "saw anything like this funeral dirge, except the ditty which reminds Ferdinand of his drowned father in 'The Tempest.' As that is of the water, watery; so this is of earth, earthy. Both have that intenseness of feeling which seems to resolve itself into the element which it contemplates."

Strangely enough, this sea-dirge is the brightest and most by our Northern ocean brings up thoughts of shipwreck, of dark mourners by a rocky coast, with howling winds and winter raging in the waves. But, you must remember it was by a fairy Southern sea that Ariel sang to the Prince of his lost father, who was not lost indeed—

Full fathom five thy father lies:
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea change
Into something rich and strange;
Soa-nymphs hourly ring his knell;
Hark! now I hear them—
Ding, dong, bell.

Scarcely more of gloom, only as it were a sweet and sunny sorrow, is in the famous hymn which keeps "Cymbeline" fresh in the minds of readers who read little: the song of the shepherd-princes over the fair boy who lies at rest by the leaf-strown mountain cave-

Tear no more the heat o' the sun

Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone and ta'en thy wages.
Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

I have always felt, that one song of death in Shakspeare-I have always felt, that one song of death in Shakspeare—not strictly a dirge—stood out amid all his writings with, as it were, a simpler, a more homely air; a beauty more personal and peculiar than one generally gets in impersonal, dramatic Shakspeare. There is something of this touch, no doubt, in several of his country-songs; but it is most keenly felt in that sweet, antique ditty, of an exquisite sadness, that the Clown sings in "Twelfth Night" (Perhaps it got this special, indescribable ring from being written to a melody that was running in the poet's head, as from the beat of the rhythm you feel that it must have been.)—

Come away. Come away. Death.

Come away, come away, Death,
And in sad cypress let me be laid;
Fly away, fly away, breath;
I am slain by a fair, cruel maid.
My shroud of white, stuck all with yew,
O prepare it!
My part of death no one so true
Did share it.

And in the second verse there is even more of this strange

And in the second verse there is even more of this strange personality, and of this marked, wild rhythm.

Enough, however, of Shakspeare the much-quoted; for right through English poetry, as one follows it down to our own day, there runs this dirge-element, as a philosophic German might call it. In the stately procession of Lycidas it is a classic chant, "after the high Roman fashion"; later, the sad, natural voice of Cowper speaks; then the wild, aerial lament of Shelley, Byron's passion, bitter even in grief, and the sensuous singing of Keats—almost in love with death, it is so full of poetry. And in our own time the melodies of death ring from the clear harp of Tennyson, whose tender chords accompany such eager questioning, to the rolling organ of a wild humanity, Walt Whitman.

A book might be written on those strange poets of ours in whose work there is a strain of madness—Blake, Poe, even, as some would say, Shelley; and in this book there must needs be special mention made of the fascination that death has for such minds. Poe and his wild fantasies we know, Shelley everyone knows; but there is a wonderful little dirge of Blake's, unknown, perhaps, to many—it is, I think, the most perfectly Shaksperian thing out of Shakspeare in the language.

Bring me an axe and spade,

Bring me a windling-sheet;

Bring me an axe and spade,
Bring me a winding-sheet;
When I my grave have made
Let winds and tempests beat:
Then down I 'll lie, us cold as clay.
True love doth pass away!

It takes us, of course, to the Gravedigger, in "Hamlet"; and so, as I said, we get humour with our melancholy, cheek by

This is a thing that puzzles critics of the Latin races: how, here in the North, we make friends with Death, and play with him, like Constance the Queen. We do not try to wreathe his head with flowers, but sit and chat face to face, our hand on the bony knees, our sad smile answering his vacant grin. It is not so in the South, where they flee from thought or speech of him: not-so in France, where they dwell only on the absence of the one that is gone away, as if on an endless journey—and sometimes grieve rather over the quick forget-fulness that follows loss than over the loss itself. This, indeed, is the first theme of a poem as beautiful, surely, as any hymn of mourning in any language: De Musset's immortal stanzas to the memory of Malibran. "Dead a fortnight," he cries, "and already what remains?"—

Une croix! et l'oubli, la nuit et le silence!
Ecoutez! c'est le vent, c'est l'Océan immense;
C'est un pécheur qui chante au bord du grand chemin.
Et de tant de beauté, de gloire et d'espérance.
De tant d'accords si doux d'un instrument divin,
Pas un faible soupir, pas un écho lointain!

#### MAGAZINES FOR AUGUST. SECOND NOTICE

Ninetrenth Century.—"Who owns the Churches?" is an historical question, raised but not answered by the Rev. Dr. Jessopp; who denies, at any rate, the right of clergymen, amateurs, and architects to alter or rebuild the ancient sacred buildings at their own caprice. Miss Beatrice Potter enters into the discussion of industrial conditions at the East-End of into the discussion of industrial conditions at the East-End of London, with reference to labour contractors, middlemen, and "sweaters." The statistics of different intellectual faculties, represented by distinguished natives of the various districts of Great Britain and Ireland, are an interesting topic of inquiry, superficially treated by Dr. Conan Boyle. Proposed cures for excessive corpulency are examined by Dr. Burney Yeo. The life of Madame De Pompadour, the heartless and grasping mistress of Louis XV., is reviewed by Mademoiselle Blaze De Bury. Mr. T. Kebbel shows cause for his opinion that the English system of party government cannot be maintained Bury. Mr. T. Kebbel shows cause for his opinion that the English system of party government cannot be maintained with a democratic constitution of Parliament. Popular songs among rural peasantry, Gaelic and foreign, are compared by Miss Laura Smith. The description, by Mr. W. Maitland, of a mountain vineyard in Southern California is bright and pleasant. Mr. Goldwin Smith, continuing his portraits of American statesmen, presents those of Daniel Webster, Calhoun, and President Jackson. On the personal conditions Calhoun, and President Jackson. On the personal conditions of our Government Civil Service, with reference to the rules of retirement and the non-effective list, Sir Arthur Stevenson Blackwood speaks from official experience. Mr. W. S. Lilly contemplates with regret the advance of Agnosticism and other scepticism, but relies on the spiritual efficacy of Christianity to hold its own.

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Contemporary Review.—The progress of Presbyterian Churches all over the world is reviewed by Dr. De Pressensé, of Paris. Mr. Justin M'Carthy, M.P., as an Irish Home Ruler, states his view of the position of the late Mr. W. E. Forster in the office of Chief Secretary. The sea-birds of the Farne Isles, on the coast of Northumberland, afford to Mr. T. Digby Pigott a pleasing subject of study for a naturalist. "The New Dogmatism" of physical science, as opposed to theology, meets an opponent in Mr. Lewis Wright. Colonel F. Maurice further expounds his ideas of military and naval policy for our nation. Mr. John Rae examines the bearing of doctrines of political economy on the projects of State Socialism rife in our time. The defective working of the Church parochial system, and the growth of virtual Congregationalism within the Establishment, engage the attention of Mr. Augustus the Establishment, engage the attention of Mr. Augustus Buckland. Dr. Francis Underwood's historical sketch of the growing social, educational, religious, and literary activity of the New England States is gratifying to friends of America. An account, by Mr. H. W. Felkin, of the comprehensive and elaborate system of Government insurance, lately established in Northern Company, when set against the samulace of the ald Northern Germany, may be set against the scruples of the old school of political economists. Professor Sayce notices recent explorations and discoveries of Oriental history. General Sir John Adye exposes the chaotic administration of the War Department.

Fortnightly Review.—Mr. Algernon Swinburne's ambitious poem on the defeat of the Spanish Armada is framed in varying forms of versification; but the predominating type is that ing forms of versification; but the predominating type is that of triplets, sometimes interwoven, but not in "terza rima," of long rolling lines, with seven or more strong accents to each line, to read which properly demands a skilful ear and tongue. The sentiments and style are too high-flown, the language is too violent and bombastic, for English taste; and we prefer Mr. Rennell Rodd's spirited and straightforward poetical narrative in Macmillan's Magazine. Mr. L. Jennings, M.P., brings into a disagreeable array the numerous examples of jobbery and other flagrant abuses in our public offices. The recent death of President Brand, head of the Orange Free State in South Africa, gives a special interest to Mr. J. C. Bodley's personal reminiscences of that able and upright statesman. Sir Samuel Baker's observations after revisiting India this year are likely to be regarded with attention. The completion of Baron Hirsch's lines of railway connecting Stamboul with Europe by the route through Eastern Roumelia, Stamboul with Europe by the route through Eastern Roumelia Bulgaria, and Servia, is a promising event, and Mr. Theodore Bent's description of the railway is instructive. Mr. Grant Allen discourses of "Genius and Talent." Three or four pages of exquisite French, by Pierre Loti, relate a mystic dream, with the vision of an unknown Creole maiden and her mother, only appearing and vanishing he knew not whence or whither. Mr. R. A. Proctor's estimate of the increase of wealth and the decline of culture in America seems rather unfavourable; but it is not based on an intimate knowledge of the social life of the United States. Typographical resources, by giving extra space between the lines, impart to Lord Wolseley's essay on "Courage" a more conspicuous appearance than it would have seemed worth if written by a civilian.

Scottish Review.—A series of private letters written in 1803 by James Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd," describing his tour in the Western Highlands and Hebrides, and probably addressed to Sir Walter Scott, are characteristic of the man and the times. The rationalist philosopher Giordano Bruno, who was burnt at Rome for heresy in the last year of the sixteenth century, was examined by the Inquisition at Venice in 1591: here is an account of his examination, to be followed by a narrative of the close of his life. The social and economic changes in the Scottish Highlands during the past half-century are the subject of an instructive article. An interesting are the subject of an instructive article. An interesting narrative, translated from the French, relates the adventures of the Chevalier De Feuquerolles at the battle of Ramillies. The ancient legend of Dr. Faustus, the supposed sorcerer and dealer with evil spirits, which is the groundwork of Marlowe's tragedy and of Lessing's and Goethe's profound dramatic poems, is critically scrutinised. Mr. William Wallace discusses the questionable notion of Home Rule for Scotland, and shows that better management of Scottish affairs can readily be obtained by other means. obtained by other means.

Cornhill.—A clever and amusing parody on the Bacon-Shakspeare Cryptogram of Mr. Ignatius Donnelly is presented in the mocking exposition of a similar system of proofs that Mr. Gladstone wrote all Dickens's novels. The pilgrimages of large parties of Catholic visitors to Lindisfarne, a twelvemonth ago, and this year to Iona, are described by one who was there. An interesting narrative of the ascent of the Peak of Teneriffe, a meteorological essay on hot winds, and a lively account of Cavalla, a small town of European Turkey, with its population of Greeks and gipsies, its tobacco plantations, and the site of Philippi, are not bad reading. "A Life's Morning," by Mr. G. Gissing, is continued; there is a short story, "Baldwin's Mistake"; and the "Ballad of the Cleopatra" is a short seasons. ; and the "Ballad of the Cleopatra" is a short seastory in verse.

Longman's Magazine.—The exposure, by Mr. J. H. Yoxall, of the faulty methods of instruction in our Board schools, and the erroneous principles of teaching favoured by the Education Department, demands attention. Dr. B. W. Richardson's lecture on the saving and "storage" of vital power, by a wholesome rule of living, is profitable as a sanitary study. An exciting story, by Mr. Eden Phillpotts, of Norwegian sledge-travellers being pursued by a pack of wolves, and two

enemies being reconciled by mutual help in a common danger, will not escape the reader's notice. "Eve" and "Orthodox" will not escape the reader's notice. are continued.

Temple Bar .- Miss Jessie Fothergill's story, "From Moor Isles," makes further progress: there is a young lady in it who is devoted to studying the Sanscrit and Persian languages. A memoir of the late Professor Bonamy Price does justice to his character and intellectual powers. "The Second Armada" is a spirited imaginary narrative, by an old sailor in the year is a spirited imaginary narrative, by an old sailor in the year 1918, of a tremendous naval conflict between England and France to be fought in the British Channel; the British merchant steam-ships, assembled in great number, overcome the French ironclad war-ships by ramming. In "A Chapter on Proposals," a young lady describes the different form and style and manner of several "offers" she has received from gentlemen. The Bulgarians, of whom we have heard almost enough, occupy a brief article. Mr. W. E. Norris continues his tale of "The Rogue."

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Time.—The series of papers called "Work and Workers" treats now of emigration. Lord Lymington compares past and present times with regard to opportunities of travelling. "Methody Jim," by Miss Blanche Mary Channing, is a capital ballad story of an heroic action of a humble collier. The French village of St. Georges de Didonne, between the forest and the sea, at the mouth of the Gironde, a favourite holiday haunt of Michelet, is described by Miss Matilda Betham Edwards. The queer sect of crazy fanatics at Chatham, calling themselves "Jezreelites," are portrayed by Mr. J. Horton Riley. Mr. W. B. Churchward relates his brief experience of a swindling gold-mining concern in Australia. "The Seven Ages" is an amusing satirical "snarl" at human vanity; "Sad Dogs" is an entertaining collection of canine anecdotes; "In Town" is a notice of antiquarian curiosities in London; "A Startling Experience" is that of the freaks of



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a kleptomaniac baboon; "Penny Dreadfuls" is an examination of some cheap and silly popular fictions. Mr. Julian Corbett proceeds with his quaint romance of "Cophetua XIII."

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Gentleman's Magazine.—"The Hundredth Victim," a rather ghastly story of an old sword with a fatal spell of accidental homicide laid upon it, has a thrilling effect. The French realistic novelist, Gustave Flaubert, the pleasures and difficulties of horticulture, the personal tastes and habits of famous great men, a holiday tour in Devon and Cornwall, the ferocious deeds of Ivan the Terrible, one of the Russian Czars, a night watch in a pheasant preserve with the gamekeeper, some curiosities of English manufactures, and the Irish Exhibition at Olympia, are the subjects of articles in this magazine. bition at Olympia, are the subjects of articles in this magazine.

Belgravia:—Short stories, besides the continuation of two long ones, "Under-Currents," and Miss Sarah Tytler's "Blackhall Ghosts," are here provided for amusement; "Lord Dunciman's Dilemma," "Foretold by the Cards," "John Everard's Difficulties," "Nat," "Bon Garçon," and "The Wild Record of Jabez Speed," which last is that of a mad enginedriver running away with a railway-train.

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London Society.—As we have already noticed Miss Braddon's last novel, "The Fatal Three," complete in three volumes, the chapters halting so far behind cannot demand our attention. Mrs. Edward Kennard's "A Crack County" has reached its thirty-fourth chapter. "One of Two," "A Girl's Mistake," and "Stolen from a Post-bag," are brief pieces of entertaining fletion. Mr. Percy Fitzgerald's "Travels in London" contemplate objects of architectural and historical interest. Miss Christabel Coleridge expounds the ethical meaning of Goethe's, "Faust."

Tinsley's Magazine.-The Hon. Mrs. Armytage, describing some old London mansions and their former mistresses, treats of Mrs. Montague, the estimable and accomplished gentle-woman of the last century, who made her house a congenial resort for people of literary taste. "A Witch of the Hills," by Florence Warden, which is a Scottish Highland story, and "Millicent Phayre," an Australian story, are proceeded with; Mr. Jan Winn tells of an adventure with a raft on Lake Ogaga, somewhere in the United States; and "The Mad Count," a tale by Pauline Roose, has its scene laid in Italy. "The Home of the Vikings," described by Tom Markland, is Sole Bay, near Southwold, on the Suffolk coast. some old London mansions and their former mistresses, treats Sole Bay, near Southwold, on the Suffolk coast.

Atalanta.—In this magazine for well-educated girls, the lady editors, L. T. Meade and Alicia A. Leith, provide a judicious mixture of the entertaining, the useful, the graceful, and the didactic, with many engravings of original design.

Illustrations.—Under the editorship of Mr. Francis George Heath, this magazine, which contains a variety of engravings and of suitable articles, presents tales by Mrs. Pender Cudlip and of sentences, remarks on the opera, music, and painting, an account of the High School at Edinburgh, a biography of the late Hippolyte Carnot, sketches of Epping Forest, and notes concerning the nightingale, peafowl, and the care of a garden.

Colburn's United Service Magazine.—The naval manœuvres of our fleet this summer, and the methods of naval mobilisation, are discussed in one article; the effect of short service on army discipline, in another. Colonel Cooper King relates the strategy of General Washington's Yorktown Campaign in 1781. The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield notices some old songs and ballads of the Suspick Armeda. Several writers contribute light of the Spanish Armada. Several writers contribute light sketches of the social life of military men.

Good Words.—The Editor, the Rev. Donald Macleod, D.D., discourses impressively of the lamented death of the late German

discourses impressively of the lamented death of the late German Emperor. The Dean of Gloucester exhibits the interesting historical associations of his Cathedral, and of the tombs and monuments there. Mr. Rae's account of the late M. Jean Baptiste Godin, and of the great co-operative industrial establishment founded by him, the "Familistere" of the Guise ironworks, merits thoughtful attention. Mr. D. Christie Murray's story, "The Weaker Vessel," and the continuation of "Saved as by Fire," meet the reasonable appetite for fiction.

Leisure Hour.—"The Story of the Armada, told from the State Papers," of which Mr. W. J. Hardy furnishes a third instalment, is a good historical account. Professor Blackie contributes a tender little poem of a sweet little lady who ence lived in the Isle of Mull. Windsor Castle and Virginia Water are described by Mr. C. Eyre Pascoe. Sir James Risdon Bennett, M.D., writes of Thomas Linaere, the founder of the College of Physicians. Several recent Italian explorers in Africa, including Gessi, a brave officer under Gordon in the Soudan, are commemorated in an article by Signora Bompiani.

Harper's Monthly.—Any Londoners who happen to be un-

Harper's Monthly .- Any Londoners who happen to be unacquainted with Chiswick may learn much about it from this excellent New York magazine, the writer upon it being Mr. Moncure Conway. "Studies of the Great West," by Mr. Charles Dudley Warner, tell us much about Cincinnati and Louisville, which are places even more important than Chiswick regarded apart from London. The French West Indian Islands, especially apart from London. The French West Indian Islands, especially Martinique, are made the topic of bright description. Mr. Theodore Child, of Paris, a good art-critic, descants on the admirable Florentine painter, Sandro Botticelli. The Montagnais tribe of Indians, near the Saguenay River in Lower Canada, and the French Roman Catholic Missions among them, are the subject of an interesting paper. Another contributor gives a minute account of the breeding of cattle in Holstein and Friesland. These and other articles are illustrated with a great number of beautiful wood-engravings. There is a series of nine clever drawings to accompany the humorous old English song of "The Leather Bottèl." In the way of fiction, Mr. Rider Haggard's story, "Maiwa's Revenge," one by Mr. W. D. Howells, "Annie Kilburn," and Mr. William Black's "In Far Lochaber," seem to be a very sufficient allowance.

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The Century—There is a Trappist monastery in Kentucky; and the life of that silent fraternity, who may scarcely ever speak, except in prayer or confession or worship, or by express permission in case of necessity, contrasts so much with the habits of the American people, that the account of it there is the more remarkable. Mr. George Kennan's ample reports of the situation and character of the Russian political exiles in Siberia, and his description of the scenery of the Altai mountains, add considerably to our knowledge of that region and of those unfortunate people. The authentic political history of President Lincoln's Government and the Civil War of Secession, by Messrs. J. G. Nicolay and Hay, is continued to the date of General Grant's capture of Fort Donelson; in February, 1862. English people who value the old Cathedrals of England are indebted to Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer for her writing, and to Mr. Joseph Pennell, an American artist, for his drawings, by which Lincoln Cathedral is set before the reader. This magazine also contains amusing and interesting storics by popular American writers. popular American writers.

Seribner's Magazine.-Professor Shaler contributes a very instructive study of physical geography and the allied sciences in his treatise on "Rivers and Valleys," finely illustrated by views of the Yellowstone and the Colorado, and of rocky glens in Switzerland and in Norway. The construction of American locomotive engines and railway cars is historically and statistically related, and mechanically explained, by Mr. M. N. Forney. "Otto the Knight" is not a romantic legend of Rhineland, but a tale of those recent quarrels between the artisans and the capitalist employers, in the Western States, from which has sprung an association styled the "Knights of Labour." "First Harvests" is likewise a story of American social life; and "The Fate of the Georgiana" is that of a perilous adventure on the seacoast near Newport. Mr. Henry James, on the contrary, has in hand "A London Life," in which ladies of fashion are concerned. Mr. R. L. Stevenson, in his "Epilogue to an Inland Journey," conducts a lively party of tourists to an interesting part of France. views of the Yellowstone and the Colorado, and of rocky glens in

#### SIR JOHN HASSARD.

The Queen has conferred the honour of knighthood on Mr. Hassard, Principal Registrar of the Province of Canterbury. He was born in Ireland, in December, 1830, son of Mr. John Hassard, High Sheriff of the county of Cavan; was educated at Clifton, and adopted the profession of solicitor, also reading with a conveyancing barrister. In 1857, Mr. Hassard became private secretary to the Right Rev. Dr. Tait, then Bishop of London, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom he remained in close intimacy until his Grace's death in 1882. He was appointed Comptroller at her Majesty's Chapel Royal, Whitehall, in 1862; Registrar of the Diocese of Canterbury in 1872; and Principal Registrar of the Province in 1876. We may observe that Mr. Hassard had the honour of receiving the Prince and Princess of Wales at Whitehall in 1863, and again in 1888, first at the special service held there on their nuptials, and again at their Silver Wedding. The University of Durham conferred an honorary degree of M.A. on Mr. Hassard in 1884. It may be added that Mr. Hassard was private secretary to Baroness Burdett-Coutts from 1867 until The Queen has conferred the honour of knighthood on Mr. private secretary to Baroness Burdett-Coutts from 1867 until The Portrait is from a photograph by Messrs. Elliott

The general report to the Board of Trade on the accidents which have occurred on the railways of the United Kingdom during 1887 has been issued. The total number of persons killed in the working of the railways was 919, and of injured 3590. Of these, 121 persons killed and 1297 injured were passengers; but of these only 25 were killed and 538 injured in consequence of accidents to or collisions between trains. The deaths of the remaining 96 passengers, and the injuries to 759, are returned as due to a variety of other causes, and especially to want of caution on the part of the individuals themselves. Of the remainder, 422 killed and 2075 injured were officers or servants of the railway companies or of the contractors. Of suicides there were 70; of trespassers, 203 were killed and 114 injured; of persons passing over the railway at level crossings, 63 were killed and 35 injured; and of other persons from miscellaneous causes, 40 were killed and 69 injured. The general report to the Board of Trade on the accidents persons from miscellaneous causes, 40 were killed and 69 injured. In addition there were 58 persons killed and 4157 injured from accidents on their premises not connected with the movement



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Sikkim is a small tract of mountainous country, lying to the north of Darjeeling between Bhootan and Nepaul and south of Thibet, and is under British protection. It is governed by a Rajah, assisted by the chief Lamas and headmen of the country. The present Rajah is a man of somewhat weak intellect, and of a shy, retiring disposition, owing partly to a hare lip, which greatly disfigures him, and of which he is painfully aware. He has married a Thibetan wife, and his sympathies are decidedly Thibetan. Of late years he has been in the habit of spending the rainy season in Chumbi, which, though only three days' march from his capital, Tumlong, has a dry Thibetan climate. He is bound by treaty with the English to spend half his year in Sikkim; but for the last few years he has lived altogether in Thibet, and, though repeatedly told to come back, has made excuse after excuse, with the result that his allowance from the British Government of 1500 rupees a month has been stopped, and the government of the country has been put into the hands of the Phodong Lama and his brother, the Ransa Dewan, backed by the British Government. At the same time, there is a very strong Thibetan faction, headed by the Pamianchi. the hands of the Phodong Lama and his brother, the Ransa Dewan, backed by the British Government. At the same time, there is a very strong Thibetan faction, headed by the Pamianchi monks, who give much trouble, leading to many complications. In 1896 the Thibet Mission was organised, and its failure is the occasion of the present expedition. The Thibetans, strongly objecting to any Europeans entering their country, did all in their power to frustrate the mission; which eventually, owing to the representations of China, was recalled, having gone no further than Darjeeling. The Thibetans, who considered this a proof of our fear of them, then entered Sikkim, and erected the fort of Singtu across the high-road. It was to dislodge them from this fort that the present expedition was sent. The troops left India in March, and after two small skirmishes with the enemy, took possession of the fort, which is situated on the top of a mountain, 12,600 ft. above the sea-level, being probably the highest fort in the world. Our troops experienced great difficulty in reaching it, as the snow was very deep and the cold intense; and this, combined with the difficulty of breathing at that altitude, made the ascent extremely arduous. After the capture of the foit, the troops marched to Gnatong, a more sheltered place, though still 12,000 ft. high; and there they are encamped. On May 22 they were attacked by a force of about

2400 Thibetans, who came over the Tokala Pass. They surrounded the camp, but after three hours and a half of fighting, were utterly routed, and fled back into Thibet. Since then, there has been no more fighting; but rumours are abroad that the enemy is again collecting in force across the passes. Meanwhile, our troops remain at Gnatong. A military correspondent favours us with Photographs of the camp at Singtu, and of the martello tower at the north end of the fort.

The Board of Trade have awarded a binocular glass to Captain Z. Ameline, master of the French schooner Jacques Mathieu, of Cherbourg, in acknowledgment of his humanity and kindness to the shipwrecked erew of the British schooner Vine, of Hayle, which was wrecked off St. Ives on July 2.

The usual monthly meeting of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England was held on Aug. 1 at No. 12, Hanover-square. In the unavoidable absence of the Prince of Wales, representing her Majesty, the president, Colonel Kingscote, C.B., was called to the chair. The chief business of the meeting was to pass the accounts of the recent meeting at Nottingham and to fix the date of next year's meeting, which will be held in Windsor Great Park. It was moved by Prince Christian, seconded by Earl Catheart, and carried unanimously, that the opening date for the meeting be fixed for Monday, June 24, 1889. It was resolved to offer prizes for hops in six classes, for eider and perry, and for jam, and preserved, bottled, and desiccated fruit of English growth. Professor Brown submitted a report showing that during the nineteen weeks ended July 21 there had been 421 attacks of pleuro-pneumonia in England and 340 in Scotland. There had been a considerable increase in the cases of swine fever, though the disease is not now so prevalent as it was during the second quarter of last year.

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A quarterly court of the governors of the Consumption Hospital, Brompton, was held at the hospital on Aug. 2, Mr. T. P. Beckwith in the chair. The report of the committee of management, read by the secretary (Mr. Dobbin), stated that since the alterations the whole of the beds had become re-occupied. The plan of sending patients to convalescent homes at the seaside at the expense of the hospital (which was adopted during the alterations as a temporary expedient) having proved so beneficial, the committee propose to continue the arrangement previsionally, within certain limitations. The following legacies have been received since the last court: The following legacies have been received since the last court:

Sir Robert Loder, £2500; Mr. D. Milner, moiety of residue, contingent; Mrs. Anne Kirkup, £500, reversionary; Lady Buchan, £500; Miss G. Austin, £500, duty free. A donation of 100 guineas has been received from Mr. John Wilson of 100 guineas has been received from Mr. John Wilson Theobald in order to name a memorial bed. Considerable outlay will be required before the next court, in the cleaning and repair of the south wing, to effect which properly it will be necessary to close the out-patients' department for a week. The committee remind the public that their support is essential to the continued well-being of the charity and the maintenance of the 321 beds in the two buildings, the hospital being unendowed and almost entirely dependent upon voluntary help.

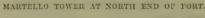
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Princess Frederica on Aug. 2 distributed the medals and certificates to the successful students of the Polytechnic classes under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association. One hundred and sixty-one ladies and cighty-five gentlemen received certificates.

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At the invitation of the Earl and Countess of Meath a meeting to consider the objects of the Incorporated Free and Open Church Association was held at 83, Lancaster-gate. Canon Trench, Vicar of All Saints', Notting-hill, read a paper on "How to Free a Pew-rented Church," in the course of which he expressed the opinion that all were agreed in theory that churches ought to be free, but one of the obstacles to be encountered was to be found in the fact that the question had not been really faced by the people themselves. It was necessary that they should be shown that it was fatal to all true religious progress that the public churches should be less free than the public-houses, or the parish highway to heaven less free than the highways of the parish. At his own parish the system of pew rents had been given up, with the result that the income of the church had been considerably increased, and the salaries of the clergy raised. The Rev. Dr. Patterson, vice-president of the American Free and Open Church Association, who opened the discussion, stated that 75 per cent of the vice-president of the American Free and Open Church Association, who opened the discussion, stated that 75 per cent of the churches in the United States were free, and their incomes in consequence had been increased by two thirds, if they were not actually doubled. The Dean of Devonport (Iowa), Commander Dawson, and others also spoke, and a vote of thanks to the Earl of Meath for presiding was carried, on the motion of General Lowry, seconded by Mr. Rooke. Lord Meath, in responding, expressed his entire concurrence with the objects of the association.







THE CAMP AT SINGTU.

THE SIKKIM EXPEDITION: FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY AN OFFICER.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Lord Harris, the Under-Secretary of State for War, distributed the prizes at Dover College on Aug. 1 in the absence of Earl Granville, the president.

The annual exhibition of Beaumont College took place at Old Windsor, on Aug. 1, in the presence of a distinguished company. The Bishop of Portsmouth distributed the prizes, and the Rector afterwards entertained 300 guests in the vinery

The tercentenary celebration of St. Bee's Grammar School took place on Aug. 1 in the presence of a large assemblage. The Archbishop of York preached in the parish church in the morning, and the Bishop of Carlisle afterwards distributed the prizes to the successful students.

Speech Day was observed on Aug. 2 at Bradfield College, Reading, and prizes were distributed by Mr. Murdoch, M.P. The annual report of the warden, the Rev. H. B. Gray, stated that the number of pupils attending the college had increased from seventy-one in 1883 to 144 this year, and the preparatory school has also increased its numbers from eight to twenty-three. A touching allusion was made to the recent death of the founder of the college, the Rev. Thomas Stevens.

Mr. T. J. Reeves, the Master of the Grocers' Company, presided on Aug. 2 at the distribution of prizes at the Company's school, Hackney-downs, the wardens and several members of the court being present. Mr. Reeves expressed the satisfaction with which the court had received the report of the school examiners, and characterised the results of the past year as splendid. Out of thirty-eight boys sent up for the Cambridge University examination thirty passed in honours, and only one failed. honours, and only one failed.

Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P. for Oxford University gave away Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P. for Oxford University gave away the prizes at Bruce Castle, Tottenham, in the presence of a numerous company of visitors, on Saturday, July 28. The head-master, the Rev. W. Almack, M.A., gave a good report of the work of the school during the past year, and read a satisfactory list of successes won by past and present Brucians during the year; this included a Whitworth scholarship, a Royal Academy scholarship, two gold medals at the London University, the Chesilden medal and the Treasurer's gold medal at St. Thomas's Hospital, and a sizarship at Trinity College. at St. Thomas's Hospital, and a sizarship at Trinity College, Cambridge

Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam presided on Aug. 1 at the annual distribution of prizes at the Royal Naval School, Newannual distribution of prizes at the Royal Naval School, New-cross. The head-master, the Rev. James White, in opening the proceedings, said the reports of the examiners, Professor Culley and Professor Moriarty, showed that the school was in a very satisfactory state. The Malcolm scholarship at Oxford had been gained by R. H. Donovan, the Clothworkers' scholarship at the same university by Hedley, and a scholar-ship at Cambridge by H. T. Dufton. Four naval cadetships annually given by the Lords of the Admiralty were awarded to Trousdale, Seymour, Harvey, and Case. The silver medal

given by the Royal Humane Society for proficiency in swimming had been gained by H. E. Chapmau.

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Aug. I being Speech Day at Malvern College, a large and distinguished gathering of visitors was attracted to the school. The proceedings opened with a luncheon in a marquee, erected in the quadrangle, to which upwards of 150 guests sat down. After this, the company adjourned to the big school for the prize-giving and speeches. The head-master (the Rev. W. Grundy), in the course of his remarks, said he was happy to announce that five open scholarships and exhibitions at the universities had been gained in the past year, while an old Malvernian (J. M. George) had taken the fourth place in the Indian Civil Service final examination. Another old Malvernian (R. E. Cole) was tenth wrangler this year in the Cambridge mathematical tripos. Lord Beauchamp, who distributed the prizes, congratulated the head-master on the steady increase in the numbers of the school, and spoke in a most hopeful manner of its future prospects. The athletic prizes were given away by Lady Emily Foley. by Lady Emily Foley.

Mr. Henry O. Forbes, the New Guinea explorer, author of "The Naturalist in the Malay Archipelago," has been selected by the London Commission to succeed the late Sir Julius Von Haast as Director of the Canterbury Museum, New Zealand.

At a meeting held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Mr. C. N. Buxton, J.P. and High Sheriff of Essex, in the chair, it was resolved to form a golf club at Chingford, to be called the Epping Forest Golf Club. Particulars may be had from Mr. F. F. McKenzie, hon. secretary, The Warren, Loughton,

The restoration of St. Michael's Church, Coventry, was practically completed on Aug. 1 by the replacing of the top stone of the steeple, which is the tallest of the three tall spires. The ceremony was performed by Mr. G. Woodcock, a contributor £10,000 to the fund, who, after fixing the stone, Mr. Thompson, the contractor, in replacing the weathercock, at an altitude of 303 ft. A short religious service was gone through, and there were some brief congratulatory speeches; and when the weathercock swung round with the wind the crowds who had assembled at the various points to witness the ceremony cheered lustily.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayorcss entertained the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House to dinner at the Mansion House on Aug. 1, and the Duke of Cambridge, replying for "The Army and Reserve Forces," said he looked upon the Army and Reserve Forces as more or less combined in one, and he trusted they were so in sentiment. He was glad to have the opportunity of saying that there was no man in the country who had always had, and especially at the present moment, so ligh an appreciation of the services of the Volunteers as himself. He could not understand any man who would not wish to develop and improve and increase the Volunteer force.

#### AT THE REGATTA.

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The pleasant scenes on the river, which are shown in our pair of drawings entitled "A Close Race" and "The Final Heat," may be realised whenever—as must happen sometimes and somewhere—an exhibition of aquatic sports and rowing-matches is favoured with the fine weather that we naturally expect in summer. Under such propitious conditions, young ladies can enjoy sitting in a boat, or sauntering in the meadow or beneath the trees at the water's edge, to admire the manly prowess and skill of amateur crews, possibly feeling some kind of personal interest in one or another of the valiant carsmen. As there is no more healthy exercise of strength for the young men, and no contest which more surely brings its reward, even to unsuccessful competitors, in the beneficial use and improvement of their natural powers, there is also no spectacle in which ladies can more gracefully and properly take the part of beholding and encouraging a friendly rivalry. In watching "a close race," in frankly manifesting a certain degree of excitement "at the finish," and in joining with signs of glad applause the general acclamation with which "the winner" is worthily greeted, the presence of these fair visitors at the regatta is the crowning glory of the day.

A new storage reservoir at Ealing, capable of containing more than fifty million gallons, established in connection with the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, was opened on Aug. 3.

The resignation is announced of Mr. T. C. S. Kynnersley, Stipendiary Magistrate of Birmingham since 1856. Mr. Kynnersley, who is eighty-six years of age, was one of the old Commissioners in Bankruptcy

The Bishop of London writes as follows on behalf of the Children's Country Holiday Fund:—"This fund has been established to enable London children to spend two or three weeks in the country. Last year visitors in various parts of London working in connection with this fund sent over 14,000 London working working working with the connect children to spend their holidays by the sea or among the fields The children were received as guests in the cottages of villagers, where they joined in the life of the family and where some lady or neighbour saw to their care and enjoyment. All came home, bringing not only a store of health, but also memories of country life to widen sympathy and enhance good-will. The cost was only 5s. a week, and in each case the parents gave a contribution according to their means From thirty-three centres in the north, cast, south, and west of London, visitors are now selecting pale and ailing children, asking no questions as to views or creeds. May I remind those who are now flying from the weariness of the fairest parts of London, that unless they give to our fund, thousands of children who need the change, and for whom country air and freedom are ready, must spend their holidays in narrow lames and close streets? Donations may be sent to the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, 10, Buckingham-street, Strand, W.C."

#### THE LADIES' COLUMN.

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The Queen having been repeatedly and warmly pressed by the representative committee of the Women's Jubilee Offering to accept something personal to herself from the fund, the bulk of which her Majesty has presented to found a nursing institute, has at length consented to a portion of the money being expended in the purchase of jewellery for her Majesty's personal use. A diamond necklace, and carrings to match, in the design of which the emblems of the United Kingdom appear, have accordingly been made, and the parare-was accepted by the Queen on Tuesday, July 31, the Duchess of Ducclench making the offering on behalf of the subscribers.

One of the most obnoxious features of weeds is the way in which they flourish under circumstances that kill or injure more profitable and desirable growths. There is an irritating perversity about this which is very trying. Never was there a summer so wet and miserably cold as this, and never was there such a summer for poppies!—those most useless of weedy flowers. They are splendidly decorative in their public place of pride, but are unfit for private life by reason of their sickly odour; so that they may be counted as amongst the most worthless weeds that grow. Some other field and hedge flowers, however, are as suitable for country room and dining-table decoration as the cultivated ones that are so hard to come by sometimes in the rural places where they grow, but are not sold. When in straits, turn to hedgerows and the fields, and almost every wild flower but the poppy will be found available. A table decorated entirely with the rich blue of the corn-flower, the delicate star-like white and yellow of the wild marguerite, and the trailing green branches of the hop-bine, all placed gracefully and tastfully in white porcelain vases, was awarded an honourable mention at the recent botanic fête. The most refined effect can be produced with wild flowers by confining oneself to a few varieties. A great posy of every readside flower that blows has a glory all it

variety and distinction to a great mass of roses, provided the rare blooms are artfully placed so as to project a little above the close-set trusses of the rose.

But not everybody can have even half-a-dozen blossoms cut from orchids. Here, then, are notes of some more simply-dressed tables which have been seen lately. Down the centre of a snowy damask cloth was placed a broad strip of royal blue plush—so broad a strip, indeed, that it must have been imperceptibly joined in the middle. This was not laid all last but alcounts at recent interestic the structure interestic. flat, but elevated at regular intervals over three blocks of wood, on each of which pedestals stood a beautiful candlestick of white porcelain, the shape that of a female figure bearing a three-branch light. The wax candles in these were shaded with crimson card on wire supports. The only flowers on the table were pink double-carnations, mixed with a little maidenhair fern; these were placed in low bowls on the stands round the base of all the candle-bearing figures, and also in large shell-shaped holders at either end of the blue plush strip. Fruit-stands of the same forcelain, but a plain round shape. large shell-shaped holders at either end of the blue plush strip. Fruit-stands of the same porcelain, but a plain round shape, were placed towards the four corners. Another table, more simple still, had roses plucked from their stems laid on the table-cloth, so as to form half a square at the four corners of the table, exactly the right-angled corners of each design being wide and the points slanted off to a single rose. The other ornaments of the table were china truit-dishes fitted into each angle of blossoms, and a central basket of wicker-work, with double handles, having something the effect of an Imperial crown in form: the handles basket of wicker-work, with double handles, having something the effect of an Imperial crown in form; the handles were covered completely by being wreathed with roses, and the basket was filled with roses relieved with projecting spikes of Eucharis lilies. Unique decoration for a table was obtained in another case by the combination of water-lilies and forget-me-nots, with sprays of feathery asparagus in place of the more ordinary ferns. Water-lilies lay scattered on a mirror plateau in the centre of the table, and asparagus sprays and forget-me-nots, with one or two lilies, filled slender glass épergnes placed on the mirror; on which also was a large lamp with a drawn muslin and lace shade, lined with pink silk, which formed the centreplece. Flowers floated in the finger-bowls. Upon yet another table fairy lamps having shades painted by hand with sprays of flowers, and the saucers partly filled with maidenhair and white stephanotis, formed the chief adornment, while the centreplece was a small tray of sand, completely concealed with

white stephanotis, formed the chief adornment, while the centreptees was a small tray of sand, completely concealed with flowers all white in tint—stephanotis, Eucharis lilies, gardenia, narcissi, and clematis—and a few ferns, the tinted lamps giving all the colour, except such as came from strawberries, peaches, and Hamburg grapes, at the corners.

Judges constantly perform the traditional feat of driving the coach and four through Acts of Parliament. It is well, perhaps, that the ordinary citizen does not understand how few of the laws that govern him are the product of Acts of Parliament made by his representatives, and how many of them are simply the decisions of two or three old gentlemen, perhaps crotchety, or perhaps having personal feelings about them are simply the decisions of two or three old gentlemen, perhaps crotchety, or perhaps having personal feelings about social arrangements which they import into their decisions. How little reverence is really due to a Judge's reading of the law is apparent from the frequency with which judgments given in the lower courts are reversed by the higher ones. Yet when the Court of Appeal has at length spoken, no Judge will afterwards venture to exercise his own intelligence on the words of a statute; but the dictum of the majority of the three fallible and possibly peculiar Judges who sat on that occasion overrides for ever the plain terms of an Act of Parliament. No Act can ever have been drawn in broader terms than the Married Women's Property Act, which begins by declaring that in every respect a married woman and a single one are to be under identical circumstances as regards making contracts, suing and being sued, and property rights and powers generally. Month after month the Judges are introducing qualifications and modifications into that plain, straightforward. and powers generally. Month after month the Judges are introducing qualifications and modifications into that plain, straightforward law. A case just decided is in point. A married woman was sued to complete a contract which she had signed for purchasing a house. Her creditor lost his case, on the ground that he was unable to show that she had any separate property when she made the contract; and, according to a judgment of the Court of

Appeal, "it is held that she can only bind herself to the Appeal, "it is held that she can only bind herself to the extent of her separate estate, so that if she have no separate property she cannot enter into a contract at all." More than that, the plaintiff in such a case is required to prove that the married woman had separate property when she made the agreement, and not she to prove that she had not any. Now, this is very convenient for married women who may wish to repudiate their contracts that, it is a grave disadvantage to this is very convenient for married women who may wish to repudiate their contracts; but it is a grave disadvantage to honest women who conduct any business on their own account. To such women, it is of the first consequence to be able to make valid contracts; if it is known that they can repudiate their contracts at will, nobody will wish to do business with them. Single women are not placed at such a disadvantage in their business arrangements, and the indisadvantage in their business arrangements, and the intention of the Legislature, which the Judges are overriding, was to equalise married with single women in property matters.

FLORENCE FENWICK-MILLER.

#### CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications for this department should be addressed to the Chess Editor.

MANCHESTER, ARTHUR GREGORY, J. N. and many others, are perplexed over the solution of No. 2398. If Black play, as they suggest, L. Kt to R 3rd, White replies with 2. P to Kt 8th, becoming a Kt (ch), discovering check, and mating. E CRANE.-Letters received up to Friday morning are acknowledged the following

week.

J L N C.—Your anticipation is correct: the problem is hardly up to our standard. Captures on the first move are nearly always objectionable, especially with such simple play as follows in yours.

E LOUDEN.—We are glad to welcome you back to the ranks of solvers.

J P.—Too simple and too many checks.

Compact. Solverians on linear way. No. 2023 received from W A Smith (Bellary,

Joseph Pullen, and J Lister.

\*\*ORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM No. 2312 received from Thomas Chown, L Desanges, Dr P St. J D Tucker (Leeds), J G Hankin, G J Veale, E Louden, L Desanges, Dr P St. J D Tucker (Leeds), J G Hankin, G J Veale, E Louden, E Worters (Canternery), Joseph T Pullen, Bawn, Howard A, E Phillips, Jupiter R Worters (Canternery), Joseph T Pullen, Bawn, Howard A, E Phillips, Jupiter Junior, W Hiller, E Casella (Paris), H Lacas, R H Brooks, F O Simpson, Odilarduh, C F J M, St. Roberts, Huby Rook, T G (Ware), Julia Short, Dang John, J Hepworth Shaw, Bernard Roynolds, Sergoant James Sage, Short, Dang John, J Hepworth Shaw, Bernard Roynolds, Sergoant James Sage, Short, Dang John, J Hepworth Shaw, Bernard Roynolds, Sergoant James Sage, Short Dang John, J Hepworth Shaw, Bernard (Shooters Hill), W B Raillem, J Haall, Major Prichard, Dr. Waltz (Heidelberg), Hereward, E Crane, and D Fartington.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 2310.

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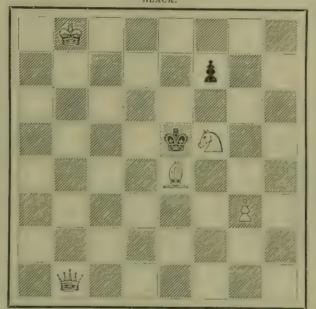
P moves SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 2310.

WHITE.

1. B to R 3rd K to Q sq
2. Kt to Q 5th P moves
3. R to R 8th. Mate.

If Black Play I. K to Q 3rd, then 2. P to Q 8th (a Kt) and mates next move.

PROBLEM No. 2314. By B. G. Laws. BLACK.



WHITE

White to play, and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN LONDON.

Game played in the British Chess Club handicap between Messrs. Pollock and Bird.

WHITE (Mr. P.)	BLACK (Mr. B.)	WHITE (Mr. P.)	BLACK (Mr.
1. P to K 4th	P to Q B 4th	16. P takes Kt	B to R 3rd
2. P to Q 4th	P takes P	17. P takes Q P	R to Q sq
3. K Kt to B 3rd	Q Kt to B 3rd	18. B to B 5th	P takes P
4. Kt takes P	P to K Kt 3rd	19. B takes Q P	
5. Kt takes Kt	Kt P takes Kt	20. P to K 5th	
	P to K B 3rd	21. P takes B	
7. Kt to B 3rd			
		Rand R to K 7th.	ent the check
8. B to Q B 4th 9. Q to Q 3rd	Kt to R 3rd		
10. Castles	Vt to Vt 5th	22. Kt to K 4th	
		R to K sq is sounder.	
The advance of		22. 23. K to R sq 24. R to K sq	Q to Kt 3rd
azardous; Kt to B	and of I to Q std is	23. K to R sq	Q to Q 5th
	D to O 2nd	24. R to K sq	K to Kt 2nd
11. Q to Kt 3rd		25. P to B 3rd	O to K 4th
Here again Kt to K	4th, with a view of		
playing P to Kt 3rd and Castling, seems o afford Black a more open position.		After this White regains the excha	
2. P to K R 3rd Kt to K 4th		and the game is virtually over.	
		26. Q takes Q	P takes Q
3. B to Kt 3rd		27, Kt to B 5th	B to B sq
l4. B to K 3rd		28. R to Q sq	
Q to B 2nd is a bett	er defensive move.	29. B to K 6th	
5. P to B 4th		30, Kt takes B (ch)	K to B 3rd
Very finely played,	as the full effects	31. Kt takes R	R takes Kt
of the sacrifice are	not immediately	32. P to B 4th	P to B 4th
pparent.	1	33. R to Q 5th,	
K	R taken R	and wins	

The International Congress of the British Chess Association and York-The International Congress of the British Chess Association and Yorkshire County Chess Club commenced its operations at Bradford on Monday, Aug. 6. After a public reception of competitors and visitors, a start was made with the various items of the programme, particulars of which we have already published. Interest, of course, centered in the masters' tournament, in which many of the leading players of Europe and America are engaged. To judge from the list of entries, no new reputation is likely to be made on this occasion; but the old hands will give each other plenty of light before the contest is over.

A new compilation by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rowland, entitled "The Chess-players' Annual and Club Directory," is announced for publication at the end of the year. It will contain a series of articles by various writers; 100 prize-problems of British tourneys during 1887-88; a directory to date of all European chess clubs, associations, and periodicals; a list of first-class players; and much other information of a useful character to chessplayers. The price to subscribers is 2s. 6d, and their names may be sent to 9, Victoria-terrace, Clontarf, Dublin.

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With Captain Mackenzle amongst the competitors the result of the contest for the championship of Scotland was this year a foregone conclusion. Mr. D. V. Mills, last year's winner of the cup, made a creditable effort to maintain his position, and succeeded in drawing his game with the redubitable Captain. He had, however, to share the honours of second place with Mr. G. E. Barbler, who is making steady progress as a matchplayer, and is now one of the strongest in Scotland.

Five Lords of the Council, assisted by five Bishops as assessors. heard on Aug. 3 an appeal from the refusal of the Archbishop of Canterbury to allow a prosecution to be instituted against the Bishop of Lincoln for illegal ritual. The Court ordered the matter to be remitted to the Archbishop.

#### WILLS AND BEQUESTS

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated Feb. 10, 1835), with two codicils (dated Jan. 7, 1886 and Nov. 8, 1887), of Mr. William Ewing, formerly of No. 95, Gloucester-place, Portman-square; but late of No. 26, Upper Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, and of Bridley Manor, near Guildford, a retired Major of the Royal Tower Hamlets Militia, who died on April 22 last, at Paris, was proved on July 25, by Sir Archibald Orr Ewing, Bart., the brother, William Orr Ewing, the nephew, and Theodore Judkin Du Bois, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £246,000. The testator gives his town residence, with the furniture, plate, pictures, books, jewellery, household effects, horses and carriages, and £500 to his wife; he also gives her the interest and dividends of £60,000 for life; and there are legacies to his executors, butler, coachman, and valet. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves, upon trust, for all his children, but his daughters are not to receive more than £50,000 cach. In default of children there are considerable be ju sts to nephews and nieces, brother, sisters, and sister-in-law; and the ultimate residue is to be divided between his nephews and nieces, the children of his said brother, Sir Archibald Orr Ewing.

The will (dated June 20, 1887), with a codicil (dated Oct. 22, 1887), of Mr. James Tabor, J.P., D.L., late of Earl's Hall, Prittlewell, Essex, who died on June 26 last, was proved on July 26 by Samuel George Savill and John English Tabor and Charles Albert Tabor, the nephews, three of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £165,000. The testator leaves an annuity of £400 to Catherine Agnes, the widow of his late son, James Albert Clement Tabor; annuities of £500 each to his daughters, Mrs. Mary Collison Tabor Green, Mrs. Susannah Hailey Tabor Wardrop, and

Agnes, the widow of his late son, James Albert Clement Tabor; annuities of £500 each to his daughters, Mrs. Mary Collison Tabor Green, Mrs. Susannah Hailey Tabor Wardrop, and Mrs. Emma Victoria Tabor Savill; annuities of £600 each to Albert Maitland Tabor and John Clement Tabor, the two youngest sons of his said late son; and annuities to his other grandchildren all charged upon parts of his real estate. He gives his books, pictures, and jewellery to his grandson, James Tabor, the eldest son of his said late son; and there are bequests to his executors, and to his housekeeper and cook. Subject as aforesaid, he settles all his real estate, and the residue of his personal estate, upon his grandson, the said James Tabor; and on his coming into possession there is a special provision for his next eldest brother taking a further annuity.

The will (dated July 27, 1877), with a codicil (dated Nov. 9, 1886), of Mr. John Hibbert, J.P., late of Braywick Lodge, Maidenhead, Berks, who died on March 28 last, was proved on July 23 by Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Hibbert, the widow, Robert Lambert Turner Irton, and Samuel Bircham, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding £70,000. The testator bequeaths £1000, and all his personal estate and effects (except leasehold estate and chattels real, stocks, shares, credits, and scenrifies), to his wife; £100 to the Windsor Infirmary; £500 to Frederick Mansel Turner: £300 to each of his executors; an annuity of £300 to his sister, Lydia Jane Hibbert; an annuity of £150 to Mary Watkins; annuities to his butler, coachman, and gardener; and £600, to be distributed by his executors, at their discretion, among his servants and labourers. He appoints certain real and personal estate, under his marriage settlement, on the death of his wife, to his cousin, Edgar Paul Tichborne Hibbert. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves, upon trust, for his wife, for life, and then for his said cousin.

The will (dated Aug. 17, 1885) of Count Carlo Angiolini

for life, and then for his said cousin.

The will (dated Aug. 17, 1885) of Count Carlo Angiolini Clericetti, formerly of No. 39, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, but late of No. 58, Montpellier-road, Brighton, officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy, who died on May 2 last, was proved on July 27 by Henry Mann, Robert Ruthven Pym, and Henry Burnley Heath, the executors, the value of personal estate amounting to upwards of £46,000. The testator bequeaths legacies amounting to £11,500 to various charitable institutions at Milan, Rome, and Turin. He also bequeaths £1600 to the Italian Benevolent Society in London; £1000 to the Sussex County Hospital; £500 to the Sunday and Day School for Italians in London at Saffron-hill; £500, a painting on glass by Agneni, a mahogany book-case with books, a bronze statuette by Marochetti, and a pair of bronze candlesticks to the Brighton Free Library and Museum; £400 to the Asylum for the Blind, Eastern-road, Brighton; £300 to the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Provident Dispensary; £200 to the Sussex Eye Hospital, Queen's-road, Brighton; and legacies to servants and others. The residue of his property is to be realised and invested in Italian Rentes, and the revenue periodically distributed by the Municipality of Milan among the deserving poor of both sexes, natives of and domiciled in Milan. he deserving poor of both sexes, natives of and domiciled in

The will (dated March 26, 1888) of Mr. Thomas Cox, late of The will (dated March 26, 1888) of Mr. Thomas Cox. late of Glanelly, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, who died on May 27 last, was proved on July 21 by Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, the widow, Thomas Edward Lucy, John Percival Balmer, and Shelston Kench, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £31,000. The testator bequeaths £400, a certain sum of £1000 bequeathed to her by her father's will, and all the furniture, plate, pictures, and effects at his residence, to his wife; £100 to his sister, Emily Gox; £100 to each of his executors, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Balmer, and Mr. Kench; and £1000 to each of his children. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves, upon trust, for his wife, for life, and then for his children.

The will (dated July 13, 1881), with two codicils (dated June 5, 1885, and Dec. 8, 1887), of Miss Florence Mary Georgina Cole, late of No. 66, Eaton-place, who died on May 21 last, was proved on July 12 by James Henry Cole, the brother, the sole executor, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £21,000. The testatrix bequeaths £3500 to her sisterin-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Cole; £1000 to her niece and god-daughter, Florence Kate Lowry Cole; £1500 to her said prother. James Henry, and £1000 each to her two sisters brother, James Henry; and £1000 cach to her two sisters, Frances Maria Frederica Virginia Cole and Henrietta Anne Pauline Cole. The residue of her money, stocks, funds, and securities she leaves, upon trust, for her said two sisters, for their lives, and on the death of the survivor to go with the personal estate of her late brother, Colonel Arthur Lowry Cole. The ultimate residue of her property she gives to her said two sisters.

The will (dated May 20, 1886) of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Beckwith Sawrey, late of Clairville, Reigate, who died on May 23 last, was proved on July 25 by Mrs. Gertrude Mary Sawrey, the widow, and Frederick Augustus Manley, the nephew, the acting executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £12,000. The testator bequeaths £500 and all his furniture, pictures, household effects (except silver plate), horses and carriages, to his wife; and £500 to Sarah Annie King. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves, upon trust, for his wife, for life, and then for his children; and, in default of children, for his said nephew, Frederick Augustus Manley. Augustus Manley.

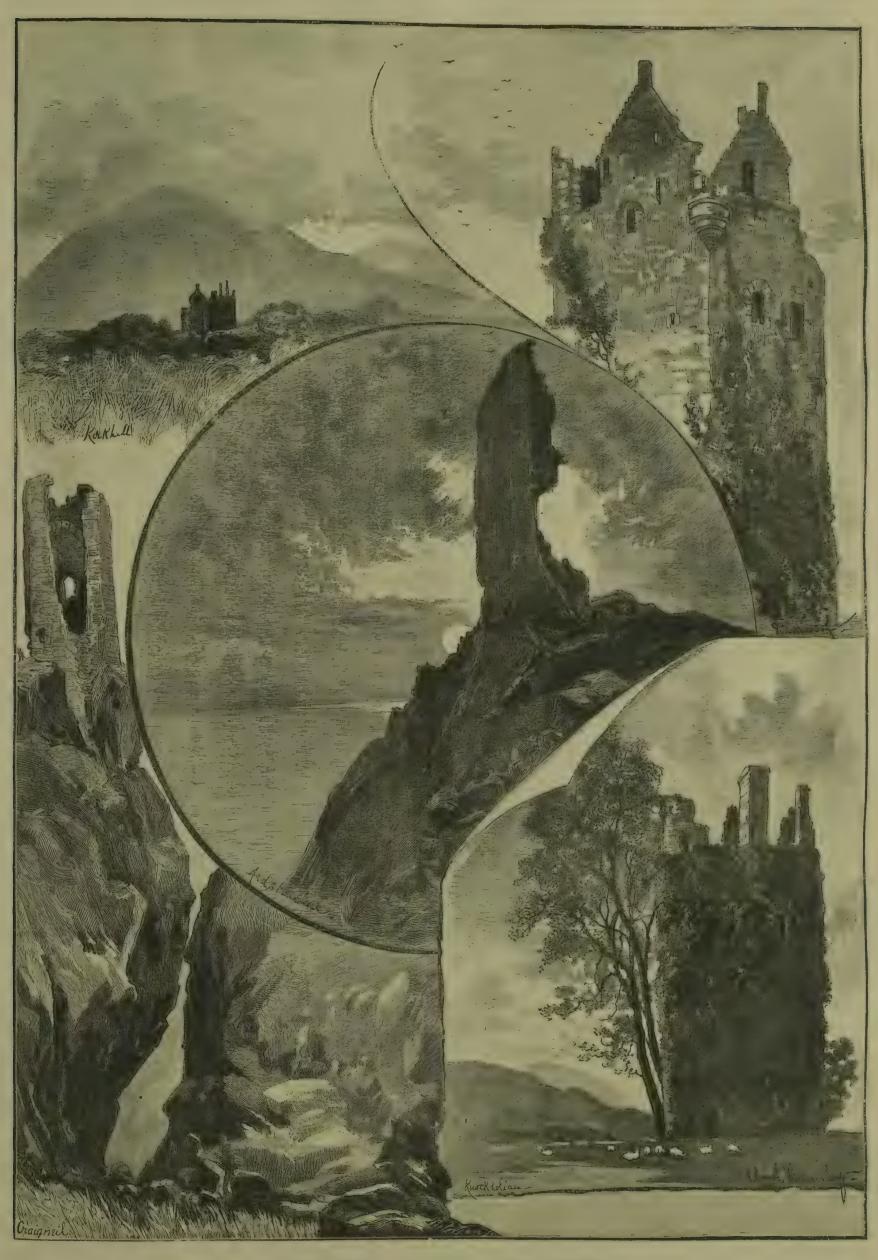
Daniel Wilson, LL.D., President of the University of Toronto, Canada, has been knighted.



1. Pope's Birthplace, Plough-court, Lombard-street. 2. Pope's House at Twickenham.

- 3. Twickenham Church and Eel-pie Island, from Pope's Villa.
  4. Pope's Grotto.

5. Interior of Grotto, left side.6. Interior of Grotto, right side.



RAMBLING SKETCHES: BALLANTRAE AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD. FROM SKETCHES BY LORD ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

#### THE POPE COMMEMORATION.

Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant-Duff, on Tuesday, July 31,



BUST OF POPE, BY ROUBILIAC.

opened, at the Twickenham Townhall, a collection of books, autographs, paintings, drawings, engravings, and personal relies connected with the poet Alexander Pope, now brought together in commemoration of the bicontours of the of the bi-centenary of the year of his birth. The committee, of which Sir M. E. Grant-Duff is president, includes Mr. W. J. Courthope, Mr. Austin Dobson, Pro-fessor Henry Morley, the Rev. L. M. D'Orsey (hon. local secretary), Mr. Henry Tedder (hon. secretary), Mr. Russell Lowell, Mr. Alfred Austin, Mr. Edmund Gosse, Mr. W. Senior, Mr. John Murray, and other wellknown persons. Mr. Edward King was the originator of the movement. The collec-tion, to which the contributors number seventy and eighty, includes

the first, second, and several subsequent editions of Pope's works, a number of autograph letters and manuscripts, paintings. miniatures, drawings, and engravings of the poet, of his most

prominent contempor aries, and of places with which his life and works were identified, various articles which belonged to Pope Amongst the books are the first edi-tion of "The Rape of the Lock," and other carce editions, lent by Mr. Edmund Gosse. Mr. Austin Dobson, Lieutenant-Colonel F. Grant, Mr. James Montgomery, Mr. Alfred Austin, Mr. J. Durell-Blount, Mr. F. Walker, Mr. W. J. Courthope, and other



THE FEATHER-BOX CASKET, WITH POPE'S PORTRAIT IN LID.

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Saxe-Wyndham, Mr. A. Morrison, and Mrs. H. G. Bohn contribute manuscript letters of more or less interest. A very interesting contribution is that of Sir Theodore Martin, who has lent the original manuscript of the Life of Pope by Dr. Johnson, in the "Lives of the Poets"; autograph letters from Pope, Johnson, Mrs. letters from Pope, Johnson, Mrs. Thrale; drawings of a number of Pope's contemporaries, and other relies—all bound in one superb folio volume. Mr. John Murray sends a bust of the poet by Roubiliac, the autograph of the preface to the first collection of the works, and other documents; and there is a large number of portraits of Pope in oil, water-colour, and line engraving, together with counterfeit presentments of Martha and Theresa Blount, Queen Anne, Lord Cobham, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Horace Walpole,

Montagu, Horace Walpole, Addison, Matthew Prior, Dr. Bentley, and other of Pope's contemporaries. Some score of views of Twickenham and its neighbourhood are included in the exhibition, and the personal relics include a cast of the poet's skull taken when the remains were disturbed some thinty or feature when the remains were disturbed some thirty or forty years ago; a Malacca canc

with ivory head, which was Pope's walking-stick; a chair which Pope is said to have constantly used; a small china teapot with metal spout, which he gave his cousin, J. Ward, of Reading; and a casket known as "the feather box," made from the wood of a willow planted by Pope, and with his fulllength portrait on the inside of the lid.



POPE'S TEAPOT

The opening of the exhibition, which was on view till Saturday, took place in the Townhall, the chair being taken by Sir M. E. Grant-Duff. Among the company were Lady Freake, Lady Grant-Duff, Mr. W. J. Courthope, Mr. Austin Dobson, Mr. Edmund Gosse, Colonel Thompson, Mr. C. J. Thrupp (chairman of the local board), Mr. Vincent Griffiths, Mr. E. King (originator of the commemoration), Mr. H. R. Tedder (hon. secretary, librarian of the Athenaum Club), the Rev. L. M. D'Orsey (local secretary), the Rev. Ashton Gwatkin, the Rev. E. English, and Mr. G. Mackintosh. Professor Henry Morley delivered an address on Pope, in the course of which he said it was surely a sign that there was depth and breadth in the man that there should be to this very day such various opinions held about him. After briefly narrating the leading facts of Pope's youth and progress in literature, Mr. Morley stid that the poet was distinctly a product of the French school of criticism, which was prevalent in his youth, and which aimed especially at clearness and sense. The influence of that school was dominant when he began to write. Nevertheless, he was a true poet, and deserved a high place in the history of English literature. hibition, which was on view till Saturday, took place in the Townhistory of English literature.

#### RAMBLING SKETCHES: BALLANTRAE, AYRSHIRE.

AYRSHIRE.

The land of Robert Burns, Ayrshire, contains no lovelier valley than that of the Stinchar; and it won a tribute of verse from that poet, as he watched the stream flowing down to the Atlantic at Ballantrae. But in this poem, he changed the name to Lugar, so that a stranger would not know he referred to the district. It is no wonder that a group of well-known Scotch artists should make Ballantrae their favourite head-quarters. One of the most successful of these has truly said that nowhere can fine effects of sea and sky be better studied than here. Ballantrae is famous for its glorious sunsets; and the colours of rock and sea are such as cannot be surpassed in beauty. The rocks at each headland flanking Ballantrae are of black, brown, and purple colour; they are "trap" rocks, with endless gigantic fissures and grand clefts and chasms, into whose mysterious depths the Atlantic waves enter foaming, to be stilled in the innermost recesses. But during a strong westerly gale, many spouting caves can here be observed; and to be stilled in the innermost recesses. But during a strong westerly gale, many spouting caves can here be observed; and such masses of foam lie on the cliffs as to astonish even those who have lived by the Atlantic all their days. Sea-weed, too, lies in the coves or bays, five feet in depth. Such a strange bed of solid seaweed exists between Ballantrae and the town of Girvan, in a small and beautiful bay.

The view from behind the village of Ballantrae is extensive and highly interesting. Loch Ryan lies behind a headland; the coast of Ireland is seen on the left front; between Ireland and Kintyre is the open Atlantic; on the right front towers.

the coast of Ireland is seen on the left front; between Ireland and Kintyre is the open Atlantic; on the right front towers Ailsr Craig, with the Isle of Arran behind; and the hills of Loch Fyne are well seen on any clear day. The old ruined castles in this neighbourhood are remarkable, perched on commanding crags, and well within bugle-call of each other. The finest of these is Craig Kiel, owned by Mr. MacConnel, who has stopped the barbarism of quarrying limestone, and so undermining the castle. Its aspect would strike even those who have seen all the castles of the Rhine and the Danube. In this castle, at times, dwelt Robert Bruce. The walls are of tremendous strength; even now, though one huge angle has In this castle, at times, dwelt Robert Bruce. The walls are of tremendous strength; even now, though one huge angle has fallen out, undermined by the quarrymen, it bids fair to last for centuries if it be left alone. The right time for visiting this castle is the sunset hour; then wait till the crimson and gold beat in at its windows and loopholes, and presently flood the interior, with its solemn arch and lofty hall of great height. The visitor will remember it as one of the most romantic scenes in Scotland. And Stinchar Castle is just behind Ballantrae; it was a grand castle once. The district is the land of the Kennedys, of whom Lord Ailsa is the head.

The village of Ballantrae is well supplied with delicious fish; and there is an excellent bakery, producing "baps," which are delicious, besides "scones" and many other things. There is also a good village butcher; and last, not least, this village is an abode of quiet and peace. Here, too, the golfer has a glorious bit of turf; while the lawn-tennis player has two courts for his pastime.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil embarked at Bordeaux The Emperor and Empress of Brazil emotified at Bordeaux on Aug. 5 for Pauillac, en route to Brazil.—M. Carnot unveiled a statue of Mirabeau at Montargis on Aug. 5; thirty thousand persons were present. M. Carnot afterwards held a reception.—Some encounters took place on the 6th between the police and the navvies on strike in Parisin consequence of the latter attempting to prevent men who have not struck from continuing their work, to prevent men who have not struck from continuing their work. The hairdressers' assistants and the café waiters on strike, on leaving a meeting at the Bourse du Travail, proceeded—the former in the direction of the Place des Victoires and the latter towards the Café de la Paix, which they intended to ransack. The rioters were, however, promptly dispersed by the police. Great excitement prevailed among the men on strike at Amiens, who on the 6th paraded the streets with flags. A disturbance occurred in the afternoon, but order was allimately restored by the mounted gendarmerie, who made ultimately restored by the mounted gendarmeric, who made three arrests.—A fatal conflict has occurred between Italian and French labourers at some railway works in France, one man being killed and several wounded. The quarrel arcse from the discharge of the Italians, owing to the representations of the French.

Cavaliere Bonacina, President of the Italian Exhibition in London, was received in audience at Rome on Aug. 4 by the King of Italy, when his Majesty expressed his satisfaction at the success of the Exhibition.—The Italian Protectorate over Zula, to the south of Massowah, has been formally proclaimed. The French Foreign Minister has sent a Note to the Powers respecting the Massowah question.—A volcanic eruption occurred on Aug. 3 in the Lipari Isles, the group off Sicily in which the well-known volcano of Stromboli is situated. Immense damage is stated to have been caused.

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The Emperor William II., having spent the night at Friedrichsruh, with Prince Bismarck, left shortly after noon on Aug. 1 for Potsdam, which he reached at half-past five, and drove at once to the Marble Palace. He was enthusiastically received.—The Emperor, on the 3rd, received at Potsdam, with all the pomp usual on such occasions, the Extraordinary Mission sent by the Sultan to congratulate his Majesty on his accession to the throne. The audience was followed by a difiner, the guests at which were Munir Pasha and his suite; the Turkish Ambassador, with the other members of the Turkish Embassy; Count Herbert Bismarck, and Prince Radolin. The Emperor continues to devote much attention to his army. On Aug. 6 there was a sham-fight, under the personal direction of his Majesty, near Potsdam, in which the entire garrison and two batteries of Field Artillery of the Guards took part. On the 7th the Emperor was present while the Fusilier Battalion of the 2nd Emperor Franz Regiment of Grenadier Guards went through the new drill on the Tempelhof field, under the command of Major Menges, of the War Office, At the close of the drill, the Emperor lunched with the officers of the regiment, at their barracks. of the regiment, at their barracks.

Terrible floods in Germany, Austria, and Russia are reported.

The First Chamber of the Netherlands States-General have ratified the North Sca Liquor Traffic Convention, and passed the Bill extending the Notherlands Bank Charter for lifteen

General Sheridan, so well known for his brave and skilful leadership of the cavalry of the United States during the Civil War, died on Sunday night, Aug. 5, aged fifty-seven, from a failure of the action of the heart. A Bill to provide a pension of 5000 dols, a year for his widow has been introduced in the United States Senate.—A fatal fire occurred on Aug. 3 at a tenement-house adjoining the rear of the People's Theatre, New York. The building was occupied mainly by Polish

Official advices state that the crop prospects throughout the Dominion of Canada are generally above the average. In Manitoba the prospects are unprecedented.—Sir George Stephen has resigned the presidency of the Canadian Pacific Railroad; the vice-president, Mr. Van Horne, will succeed him.

The Cape House of Assembly has passed the Railway Extension Bill.—The total loss of life, European and native, by the terrible accident at the De Beers Mine is estimated

The Daily News Calcutta Correspondent telegraphs that 1000 Thibetans have entered Sikkim, and threaten Pakyong. Colonel Graham is confident of his ability to resist any

The British ship Star of Greece was wrecked in Aldinga Bay, near Adelaide, on July 13, and seventeen persons, including the captain, were drowned.

The revenue of New Zealand for the quarter ending June 30 last amounted to £768,000, being an increase of £41,000, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Customs receipts increased by £15,000.

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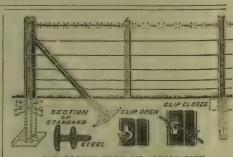
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REAR-ADMIRAL CODRINGTON.

Rear-Admiral William Codrington, C.B., died on July 29, at Shrublands, Tunbridge Wells, aged fifty-six. He became Sub-Lieutenant in July, 1853, and served as Mate of the Eurydiee, in the White Sea, during the Russian War. His other appointments were—Lieutenant, October, 1855; Commander, July, 1864; Captain, June, 1869; and Rear-Admiral, April, 1886. He was Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, 1876 to 1880, and was made a C.B. (civil) in April, 1880. He was Aide-de-Camp to the Queen from 1883 to 1885; Captain-Superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard, 1883 to 1885; Director of Naval Ordnance, December, 1882, to April, 1883; on Parliamentary Committee on the Building and Repair of Ships, 1884; Junior Naval Lord of the Admiralty, June, 1885, to February, 1886; and Admiral-Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard, April, 1886, to November, 1887.

COLONEL RUCK-KEENE.

Colonel Edmond Ruck-Keene, of Swyncombe House, in the county of Oxford, J.P., formerly Major 2nd Dragoon Guards, and Colonel of the Oxfordshire Hussars, died on July 17, aged sixty-six. He was eldest son of the Rev. Charles Edmond Ruck-Keene, of Swyncombe, Fellow of All Souls, by Rebecca Frances, his wife, daughter of Sir George Shiffner, and was grandson of Mr. Benjamin Keene, M.P., by Mary, his wife, only daughter of Mr. George Ruck, of Swyncombe, in the county of Oxford, which Mr. Benjamin Keene was son of Dr. Edmond Keene, Bishop of Ely. Colonel Ruck-Keene was married twice, and leaves issue.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR A. NEED.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Need, Lieutenant of her Majesty's Yeomen of the Guard, died, at his residence, Fountain Dale, Blidworth, Notts, aged sixty-nine. He served with distinction with the 14th Hussars in the Punjaub Campaign of 1848-49; and took part in the Persian Expedition in 1857, and in the same year served with the Central India Field-Force. He was frequently mentioned in despatches. Sir A. Need was a Magistrate for the country of Notts. a Magistrate for the county of Notts

MR. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Shardeloes, Amersham, Bucks, and St. Donat's Castle, Glamorganshire, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff of Bucks in 1859, died on July 24, aged seventy-one. The Drakes of Shardeloes, for centuries a very eminent family in the county of Buckingham, represented, for several generations, the borough of Agmondesham in Parliament. The gentleman whose death we record was born July 14, 1817. He married, Aug. 8, 1843, Elizabeth Julia, daughter of Mr. John Stratton, and widow of Colonel Wedderburn, and by her, who died July. 1885, leaves issue. died July, 1885, leaves issue.

THE DEAN OF CHICHESTER.

The Very Rev. John William Burgon, Dean of Chichester, died at the Deanery on Aug. 4. Dr. Burgon was a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, for thirty years, and was Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, from 1863 to 1876, when he became Dean of Chichester. The published works of the Dean make a very long list, and include "The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham," a "Commentary on the Four Gospels," and the "Portrait of a Christian Gentleman."

We have also to record the deaths of-

Colonel Sowerby, of Putteridge Park, near Luton, on Aug. 2. He was attacked and killed by a stag that used to

march at the head of the Durham Light Infantry, of which regiment the deceased was Lieutenant-Colonel.

Mr. G. L. Bassett, of Tehidy, Camborne, Cornwall, the principal mineral owner in the county, on July 25.

Colonel Charles Elliot, C.B., late Madras Artillery, on July 23, at 33, Cranley-gardens, aged sixty-four.

Lieutenant-General FitzRoy Miller Mundy, formerly of the Bengal Staff Corps, on July 12, aged seventy-three.

Lady Wilson (Caroline), wife of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and daughter of Mr. R. Cook, on July 13.

Mr. G. E. Skinner, the Deputy Assistant-Paymaster of the Supreme Court, suddenly, on Aug. 2.

Colonel William Scarlett, of Gigha, in the county of Argyll, suddenly, on July 31, aged forty-eight.

The Rev. William Fraine Fortescue, Vicar of Chesterton,

Oxon, at Folkestone, on July 27, aged seventy-nine.

Lady Lennard (Julie Maria Frances), wife of Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., and daughter of Mr. Henry Hallam, F.R.S., on July 15, at Wickham Court, Kent.

Harriet, Dowager Lady Gerard, widow of the late Lord Gerard, and daughter of Mr. Edward Clifton, brother of Mr. Clifton, of Lytham, on July 20, at Twyford Abbey, Middlesex.

Colonel Digby St. Vincent Hamilton, formerly of the 78th Highlanders, eldest son of Colonel J. P. Hamilton, K.H., Scots Guards, at Bath, on July 28, aged seventy-two.

Mr. John Edward Bartlett, of Peverel Court, Bucks. J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff, 1882, at Buxton, on Aug. 1. aged sixty-four.

Mr. Robert St. John Cole Bowen, of Bowenscourt, county Cork, M.A., J.P., High Sheriff, 1865, on July 20, aged

The Marchioness of Ailsa, at Culzean, Ayrshire, on July 26. Her Ladyship was the Hon. Evelyn Stuart, third daughter of Lord Blantyre, was born in 1848, and was married to the Marquis of Ailsa in 1871

The Rev. Rowland Mosley, Rector of Egginton, Burton-on-Trent, fourth son of Mr. Ashton Nicholas Every Mosley, J.P. and D.L., of Burnasion House, in the county of Derby, on July 24, aged fifty-eight.

Mr. H. C. Rothery (who resigned the office of Wreck Commissioner two months ago, in consequence of failing health), on Aug. 2, at his residence at Bagshot, Surrey, from heart disease, in the seventy-first year of his age.

Dr. Lush, who represented Salisbury in the Liberal interest from 1868 to 1880, suddenly, on Aug. 4, at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, aged seventy-three. Dr. Lush was a Justice of the Peace for Salisbury, and formerly Mayor and an alderman of that city.

Colonel Arthur Wellington Cameron, late 92nd Gordon Highlanders, suddenly, at Dunain House, Inverness, on July 27, aged sixty-one. He was the youngest son of the late Sir Alexander Cameron, K.C.B., K.C.H. Rifle Brigade.

Mr. Algernon Charles Talbot, of Aston Hall, Cheshire, at Forest House, Bournemouth, on July 27, aged twenty-nine. He was the eldest son of Mr. Charles Arthur Talbot, of Aston Hall, nephew of Henry John, eighteenth Earl of Shrewsbury.

Rev. Thomas Edward Crallan, M.A., for seventeen years Chaplain at the Sussex County Asylum, Hayward's-heath, at his residence, Ivy House, Emsworth, suddenly, on July 30,

Colonel Reginald John Manningham Buller, late of the Grenadier Guards, at Dilhorn Hall, in the county of Stafford,

on Aug. 2, aged fifty-seven. He was the fourth son of Sir Edward Manningham Buller, first Baronet, and was brother of the present Baronet.

Anne Charlotte, Lady Hay, wife of Sir Hector Maclean Hay, Bart., of Alderston, on July 24, in her seventy-eighth year. Lady Hay was daughter of Dr. J. White, 17th Light Dragoons. She married, first, Lieutenant-Colonel William Charles Bird, E.I.C.S.

The Hon. Mrs. Peel Dawson, at Folkestone, on July 30. She was the daughter of Charles, first Lord Lurgan, and widow of the late Colonel Robert Peel Dawson, M.P., of Moyola Park, Castledawson, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Londonderry. She leaves one daughter, May, married to Lord Spencer Churchill Chichester.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Smith, late 37th Regiment, at Forest-hill, S.E., on Aug. 2, aged seventy-eight. He served with his regiment at the siege of Sebastopol, receiving for his services a medal with clasp and the Turkish medal, and at the siege and capture of Lucknow, for which he received a medal

Mr. Octavius Morgan, uncle of the present Lord Tredegar, at his residence in Newport, on Aug. 5, aged eighty-five. Deceased, who represented Monmouthshire in the Conservative interest from 1841 to 1874, was a well-known authority on antiquarian matters, and the author of many works relating to the history of his native country.

Mr. Robert Clayton Browne, at his residence, Browne's Hill, county Carlow, on July 22, having attained his nine tieth year. Mr. Clayton Browne served as High Sheriff, and was Deputy-Lieutenant of the county. He married, in 1834, Harriette Augusta, youngest daughter of Mr. Hans Hamilton, of Abbotstown, county Dublin, and he is succeeded by his eldest son, William, born 1835.

by his eldest son, William, born 1839.

Sir William C. Sargeaunt, K.C.M.G., on July 31, in his fifty-ninth year. He had been Colonial Secretary in Natal, and for a short time Lieutenant-Governor of St. Vincent, and in 1877 was commissioned by Lord Carnarvon to inquire into and report on the financial condition of the Transvaal. Sir William, who was made a C.M.G. in 1875 and a K.C.M.G. in 1882, married, in 1853, a daughter of the Rev. George Gordon, Rector of Muston, Leicester.

Lord Douglas William Cope Gordon, fourth son of Charles, tenth Marquis of Huntly, at his residence in Green Parkchambers, Piccadilly, on Aug. 4. He was born in October, 1851. He was appointed Ensign in the Coldstream Guards in October, 1871, and became Lieutenant and Captain in 1874, but resigned his commission in May, 1880. Lord Douglas Gordon was for some years in the House of Commons. He represented West Aberdeenshire in the Liberal interest from May, 1876, to April 1880 and was M.P. for Huntingdonshire from April 1880. April, 1880, and was M.P. for Huntingdonshire from April, 1880, to November, 1885.

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It is only necessary to consult the London hoardings in order to appraise the value of "The Still Alarm." He who runs may easily read. A stalwart young man who has smashed a double-cased window into atoms has flung himself upon the steps of the communicating-ladder provided as a safeguard for fire in New York houses, and is descending to the street in search of his enemy, the villain, in a blinding snowstorm; the comic young lady who has graduated in the American music-halls or variety shows is pouring a kettle of boiling water over the foot of an inebriate, who has caught fire in a drunken fit; a lover of drunk enjuyels is feeding a couple of "milk white foot of an inebriate, who has caught here in a drunken ht; a lover of dumb animals is feeding a couple of "milk-white steeds," worthy of Lord Lovell, with appetising morsels of white sugar, and alternately caressing a trained greyhound; an impetuous dare-devil fireman is driving to the rescue of an imprisoned family on an American fire-engine at full gallop, lashing his horses and looking eagerly into the distance. In other words, "The Still Alarm" is the kind of sensation play that suits the popular theatres down Brooklyn way, and is invariably popular in London during the dull and holiday seasons. Country cousins and excursionists and provincial playwoers like nothing cousins and excursionists and provincial playgoers like nothing so well as one of these realistic dramas that please the eye and do not call the brain into requisition. No one knew this better than Mr. Boucicault, who made a point of producing his "Streets of London" and "After Dark" and id genus omne in what once used to be called the "silly season." Mr. Arthur's new American play is a commonplace melodrama with one really admirable scene that attracts attention by its vraisemblable. Since "The Flying Scud" at the old Holborn, London has seen bething a computer overwheled in the way of imitating on Since "The Flying Scud" at the old Holborn, London has seen nothing so accurate or complete in the way of imitating on the stage scenes of actual life. We see the whole detail of a fireman's working life in New York, his duty, his dormitory, his harmless recreation, his social sing-song, and all the difficulties and dangers of his exciting career. Suddenly there is a call for fire. The wires have been smashed by the villain, but the "still alarm" is sounded through a handy telephone. In less time than it takes to write it, the men are aroused from their slumbers, they jerk themselves down from one floor to another, the horses are harnessed, the dog barks an exciting prelude, the gates fly open, and the engine is off in about a dozen' seconds from the time that the alarm is sounded. The scene, such as it is, has the strong merit of accuracy and picturesque force. The start of a fire-engine is always a stirring moment, and it is difficult to see how it could be better done. The art called into question is not of a very elevated kind, but the scene would appear to be precisely the kind that suits a modern audience, careless of the higher duties of the drama and only anxious to be pleased at higher duties of the drama and only anxious to be pleased at all hazards. The rest is but leather and prunella. A trite, commonplace story is told with no special point or felicity of language, and the acting is no better than would be found in the palmy days of the old Surrey in the Blackfriarsroad. Mr. Lacy distinguishes himself more as a trainer of dogs and horses than as an actor, and it takes the audience some time to become accustomed to his American twang and his artificiality. His voice is good, his enunciation distinct, and in scenes of dramatic movement his quiet style is, no doubt, impressive; but the new-comer can only be considered "a star," because the dogs and horses and fire-engine could not get on very well without him. Miss Fanny Leslie and Mr. Harry Nicholls, both clever and vivacious artists, are thrown away on characters that contain no sparkle of humour or bare suggestion of fun, and Miss Mary Rorke, who is the heroine, has even a worse part

than Miss Millward in "The Union Jack." The best bit of acting in the whole play comes from Mr. Harry Parker, who has proved himself to be a very competent and able characteractor. Time would be wasted in picking holes in such an obviously made-up drama as "The Still Alarm."

It was scarcely worth while to make so much stir about Mr. Louis Stevenson's curious little story. "Dr. Jekyll and

Mr. Louis Stevenson's curious little story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," so far as any stage version of it was concerned. Much money appears to have been wasted, many jealousies aroused, no little bad blood stirred, and plenty of work given to the lawyers, over a work which from the first was considered by the experienced to be undramatic and foreign to the purpose of the stage. Mr. Richard Mansfield, at the Lyceum, has given of the stage. Mr. Richard Mansfield, at the Lyceum, has given us a grim and ghastly drama; Mr. Daniel Bandmann, at the Opéra Comique, has excited his audience to immoderate laughter. People will go, so long as the plays last, to one theatre in order to shudder, and to the other to chuckle over this silly travestie of the supernatural. It is Mr. Mansfield's clever and unquestionably powerful presentation of the hideous depravity of Hyde's nature that will be a fruitful subject for discussion; it will be Mr. Bandmann's astounding picture of the excellence of Jekyll's moral nature that will set the pencils of the caricaturists to work. Neither play can hold the stage for a very long period, except as a morbid sensation; for we do not believe that modern audiences seek recreation at the theatre in the contemplation of hideous nightmares and the theatre in the contemplation of hideous nightmares and the wild speculations of the psychologist; nor do they care to laugh long at the kind of bogey that Mr. Bandmann has put up to frighten the curious and the lovers of morbid sensations. The clown of the village, who haunts churchyards dressed in a white sheet surmounted by a turnip illuminated by a candle, is never considered a commendable joker, and has been known to receive the reward of his ill-timed jest in the nearest horsepond. During the silly season there may be a temporary stir of excitement caused by the hideous repulsiveness of the stage excitement caused by the hideous repulsiveness of the stage Hyde and by the sillier pantomime that surrounds the mouthy Jekyll; but it will all be a nine days' wonder and probably forgotten long before the London playgoer is back from his holiday and prepared to discuss and enjoy more serious

From his own point of view, perhaps, Mr. Mansfield was right when he elected to make his first reappearance in London as an actor of note and promise in the play that has caused so much excitement in America. Mr. Stevenson's genius is possibly appraised higher on the other side of the Atlantic than it is the appraise of the fachion the court him and his wild possibly appraised higher on the other side of the Atlantic than it is here, and it is the fashion to accept him and his wild theories as super-excellent even in a bad play. But in England our judgment is not so biassed, and we can see that the subject that reads very well in a book often looks very badly in a play. At any rate, Mr. Mansfield has been fairly criticised and well advertised, and when he has done with his Jekylls and Hydes everyone will be prepared to study him and his art with attention when he appears—as he will, doubtless, do—in the character of the old Baron in the dramatised version of Octave Feuillet's "Roman Parisien"—the play, bythe-way, in which he first made his strong success before an American audience. He is also said to have an entirely new play, called "Nero," ready for production, and this will be seen on the stage lent him, during the holidays, by his friend Mr. Irving. It is to be feared that, like so many novelists, Mr. Louis Stevenson has not the slightest conception of dramatic effect. If he seriously believes that his views have been strictly carried out either at the Lyceum or the Opéra Comique, he can scarcely understand his own clever,

but unsatisfactory, story. When read quietly, and without any stage accessories, it sets the brain and intelligence working; when witnessed on the stage it shocks one with its savagery, or makes one laugh with its ludicrous inadequacy and gratuitous misrepresentation. Mr. Mansfield's improvement as an actor is very marked. He is a young man of bright intelligence, and he has done what so few experienced actors could do—created interest in a play that was dead against the sympathies of his audience at every turn. There must be a measure of genius in a man who could excite a Lyceum audience as Mr. Mansfield managed to do. Mr. Bandmann has been round the world, but he has not returned a better actor than when he left England for a more congenial climate. He is the head professor of the old-fashioned, stagey, stilted, and unnatural school, and whilst he has been away we have learned a less tricky method and a truer art.

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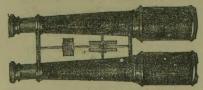
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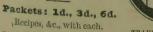


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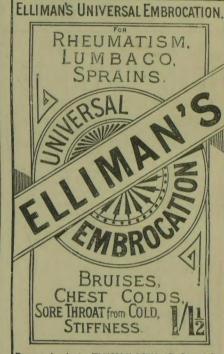
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